

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
January 18, 2012**

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Roll Call / Determination of Quorum

Present: Mr. Bell, Mr. Sexton, Mr. Timm, and Mr. Kremke

Absent: Mr. Huyser

Also present were: Ms. Frost, Mr. Keiser, Mrs. Mitchell, and Mr. Mandon

D. Election of Officers

Mr. Bell nominated Mr. Timm as president of the BZA; Mr. Timm declined the nomination.

Mr. Bell nominated Mr. Kremke for president; second by Mr. Timm. Motion passed via voice roll call 4-0.

Mr. Bell-yes
Mr. Timm-yes
Mr. Kremke-abstain
Mr. Sexton-yes

Mr. Bell nominated Mr. Huyser for vice-president; second by Mr. Sexton. Motion passed via roll call 4-0.

Mr. Bell-yes
Mr. Timm-yes
Mr. Kremke-yes
Mr. Sexton-yes

E. Appointment of Secretary

Tammie Sufana was welcomed as the new BZA secretary.

F. Consideration of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion to accept the December 21, 2011 minutes was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Timm. Motion passed 4 – 0 via voice approval. Motion passed via roll call.

Mr. Bell-yes
Mr. Timm-yes
Mr. Kremke-yes
Mr. Sexton-yes

G. Audience Participation

Paulene Poparad- questioned whether Mrs. Sufana was hired by the Town. Mr. Bell answered that she was indeed hired by the Town.

H. Old Business and Matters Tabled

Ms. Frost presented written findings of fact for BZA 07-11. She read the findings into the record.

Motion to accept the findings of fact was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Timm. Motion passed via roll call 4-0.

Mr. Bell-yes
Mr. Timm-yes
Mr. Kremke-yes
Mr. Sexton-yes

I. Preliminary Hearing

Application for Use Variance to build a multi-family dwelling was made by Douglas Leicht for the property located at 910-912 Portage Ave in Porter (BZA 12-01).

Douglas Leicht addressed the board with his reasons for needing a Use Variance.

Mr. Timm asked when the applicant had purchased the property. The property was purchased in 1995. The applicant believes it was built in 1972. Mr. Timm asked if the proposed building would be built by the same footprint. The applicant answered that the new building would be built on the same foundation and by the same footprints.

Mr. Mandon made some comments about the town code in relation to this property.

Mr. Bell asked about the residences on the other side of the subjects property. The houses on either side of the property are single family residences.

Motion to set the application for Public Hearing at the February meeting was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Sexton. Motion passed via roll call.

Mr. Bell-yes
Mr. Timm-yes
Mr. Kremke-yes
Mr. Sexton-yes

J. Public Hearings

None

K. Update from the Board of Zoning Appeals Attorney


None

L. Requests from the Board of Zoning Appeals Secretary

None

M. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Bell; second by Mr. Sexton. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:51PM.



John Kremke
President



Jessie Campaniello
Secretary