

Town of Porter Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes April 15, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by John Kremke, President.
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

In attendance were John Kremke, Henry Huyser, Jim Eriksson, and Erik Wagner. Also in attendance were Michael Barry, James Mandon, Attorney Willoughby, and Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary. Rob Albrecht-Mallinger was not present for the meeting.
A quorum was attained.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the minutes as amended of March 18, 2026, Mr. Huyser seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Audience Participation

Old Business and Matters Table

Preliminary Hearing

Brian Lewandowski, 1301 Old Porter Rd, requesting a developmental standards variance to allow an accessory structure before primary structure. He plans on splitting the lot he has now that consists of a house and detached barn. He states that down state changed some laws regarding septic's to allow this to happen. He can not subdivide yet because you can not have an accessory structure without a primary structure. Michael Barry mentions he asked about doing this a year ago. Everything meets the town code, and he has the septic permit approval. Porter County used to require an acre lot for septic's now that is not required. Plan Commission cannot divide without a variance from the BZA. Mr. Huyser questioned what the time frame was for building the house, Mr. Lewandowski comments less than two years.

Mr. Huyser made a motion to set to public hearing at the next meeting in May,
Mr. Wagner made the second. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

Public Hearing

Joshua Schneider, 64 Cool Creek Ct, Carmel, IN requesting a developmental standards variance at 3030 State St, Porter, IN for a fence in front yard and for fence being 4ft tall and for a fence within 15' of property line. Mr. Kremke mentions it has come to his attention that there were some filing issues with this case that may preclude us from continuing with public hearing this month. Attorney Willoughby mentions there were some amendments to the application that were just filed a day or two ago and he recommends the public hearing continues next month. Mr. Schneider's attorney ask if amendments that were filed can you let the public here, that were planning on speaking on petition, know what they were for the record. Mr. Kremke mentions they are public record for review. Attorney Willoughby mentions they are available and we do not need

to go down the path of opening up and having a discussion. Mr. Kremke mentions that is all we are going to say the public can request copies from clerk's office, if they cannot be at meeting they can write a letter and email the secretary.

Mr. Wagner made a motion to continue public hearing at the May 20 meeting, Mr. Huyser seconded. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

Findings of Facts

Other Business

Update from Attorney

Board comments

Adjournment

Mr. Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Huyser seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.
Meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-2.9, this meeting was livestreamed to youtube.com/@porterindiana. A recording of the livestream will remain publicly available for a minimum of ninety (90) days following the date of the meeting. Meeting agendas, minutes, and any memoranda, may be viewed at townofporter.in.gov

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