

Town of Porter Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes March 18, 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, and Jim Eriksson. Also in attendance were Michael Barry, James Mandon, and Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary. Rob Albrecht-Mallinger and Erik Wagner were not present for the meeting.

A quorum was attained.

Appointment of Officers and Secretary

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to appoint Mr. Kremke for President, Mr. Huyser seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to appoint Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger for Vice-President, Mr. Huyser seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to appoint Tammie Sufana for Secretary, Mr. Kremke seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the minutes as written of January 21, 2026, Mr. Kremke seconded. Motion approved 3-0.

Audience Participation

Old Business and Matters Table

Preliminary 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. He states the property has been in his family since 1931. The reason he is wanting the fence is to protect his family from unwanted guests. On 12-31-25 he installed a motion active security system, and it had gone off 130 times of people on his property and they were all trespassers. Then the other day an unknown person walked in and asked where the restroom was. He showed pictures of other houses with fences around his property. He also wants to make property separate from Dearborn St parking lot. His goal for the future is to complete this project. The fence will 3 1meter squares of glass with chain behind it. Just under 10ft and all inside of property line.

Mr. Barry mentions property south of him is private property and not a road. Porter Beach overlay has a section on landscape fencing being 15ft off property line.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to set for Public Hearing at April 15 meeting, Mr. Huyser seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Hearing

Findings of Facts

Other Business

Update from Attorney

Board comments

Adjournment

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Huyser seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0.

Meeting adjourned 5:49 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*

John Kremke, President

James Eriksson

Henry Huyser

Erik Wagner

Tammie Sufana, Recording Secretary