

Town of Porter Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes January 21, 2026

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Robert Albrecht-Mallinger, Vice President. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

A quorum was attained.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Wagner made a motion to approve the minutes as written of December 17, 2025, Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger seconded. Motion approved 4-0.

Audience Participation

Old Business and Matters Table

Preliminary Hearing

Public Hearing

Heather Stelnicki/Patrick Hamilton, 433 W US HWY 20, requesting a variance for a perimeter fence to include front yard.

The public hearing was opened at 5:31 p.m.-Heather Stelnicki mentions why they are requesting the petition the house is unique when built it was set back on property and is an L shape. There was no one in favor or in opposition of the variance. The public hearing was closed at 5:33 p.m.

Mr. Barry mentions the property is a kind of odd triangle parcel. They want to protect their dogs from coyotes. The petitioners will have to get a boundary survey before they put up the fence. It would be hard to fence to the town standards because of unique layout. Mr. Mandon recommends petition with portion of fence on Wagner Rd be set back 30 feet.

Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger questioned how high and if opaque. Petitioners are not sure about height, but it would be chain link.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the variance with the three conditions, portion of fence along Wagner Rd shall have a setback of no less than 30 feet from right of way, fence shall not be higher than 5 feet, and fence shall not be opaque/or a solid barrier. Mr. Wagner made the second. Motion passed with roll call vote 4-0.

Findings of Facts

Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger approved the findings of facts with the inclusion of the three conditions, Mr. Wagner made the second. Motion passed with roll call vote 4-0.

Other Business

Update from Attorney

Board comments

Adjournment

Mr. Wagner made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Albrecht-Mallinger seconded the motion. Motion approved 4-0.

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

Tammie Sufana, Secretary

