

**Town of Porter
Board of Zoning Appeals
Meeting Minutes
June 18, 2025
Porter Town Hall**

- A. Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call
Present: Kremke, Wagner, Eriksson, and Huyser
Absent: Albrecht-Mallinger
Also, Present: Mrs. Sufana, Mr. Mandon, Mr. Willoughby, and Mr. Barry
- D. Quorum-There is enough present for a quorum.
- E. Consideration of Minutes from May 21, 2025
Mr. Huyser made a motion to approve the minutes as written of May 21, 2025, Mr. Eriksson seconded. Motion approved 4-0.
- F. Audience Participation-NONE
- G. Old Business and Matters Table-NONE
- H. Preliminary Hearing-Karl Wallace, 123 Rankin St, requesting a Developmental Standards Variance for a third accessory structure. Kyle Wallace, 1174 Chalemel Dr, Chesterton representing for his dad as he is on vacation. He is looking to build a pole barn to put all his stuff in. The garage will match the house and garage. This is really for security purposes and to keep his property nice.
Mr. Kremke mentioned to Kyle to have his dad review the findings of facts and be a little more specific with answering the questions and return ten days prior to meeting. Mr. Huyser made a motion to set to public hearing at the July 16 meeting, Mr. Wagner made the second. Motion approved 4-0.
- I. Public Hearing –David Pape, 3021 Florentine St, requesting a Developmental Standards for construction within 15 ft. yard setback for a needed addition for code compliant staircase. An addition is needed to the south and southwest of the house to accommodate a code-compliant staircase that cannot fit within the existing structures footprint. Due to property's unique constraints this is the only viable location for expansion but it requires relief from the 15 ft setback requirement along the western property line, which is adjacent to non-existent Florentine St.
Public Hearing opened at 5:40 pm-there was no one in favor or opposition of the petition. **Public Hearing closed at 5:41 p.m.**

Mr. Mandon comments there are three conditions that need to be met two are met, the third would be the practical difficulty of where the house sits on property. He recommends we approve the petition.

Mr. Barry is also in favor of it.

Mr. Eriksson made motion to approve the variances requested for addition with 15-ft yard setback and 2 ½ ft from property line and deck is on the property line on the Florentine St side., Mr. Wagner made the second.

Motion passed 2-0 with roll call vote.

Findings of Facts-Mr. Willoughby thinks the findings can be used as the way they were written.

Mr. Huyser made a motion to approve the findings of facts as written; Mr. Eriksson made the second. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

Brandon Martin, 990 Brookfield Dr, requesting a Developmental Standards Variance for a roof structure to cover the patio, being house is pushed back against building line. The roof would be just a roof with posts not enclosed. The roof structure will be 8ft into 20 ft rear yard setback.

Public Hearing opened at 5:47 pm-there was no on in favor or opposition of the Petition. **Public Hearing closed at 5:47 pm.**

Mr. Mandon comments two conditions are met and the practical difficulty is how far back the house sits. He recommends we approve the variance.

Mr. Barry is in favor of petition also.

Mr. Eriksson made a to approve the request variance requested, Mr. Wagner made the second. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

Findings of Facts-Mr. Willoughby mentions #1 and #2 are fine, #3 add Mandon's explanation of where the home sits on the property line.

Mr. Eriksson made a motion to approve the findings of facts as read, Mr. Huyser made the second. Motion passed 4-0 with roll call vote.

J. Other Business-

Update from Attorney

Board comments

Adjournment

Mr. Wagner made a motion adjourn the meeting, Mr. Huyser seconded the motion. Motion approved 5-0.

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John Kremke, President
James Eriksson
Henry Huyser

Tammie Sufana, Secretary

