

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of La Porte held a meeting on May 10th, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. with Chairperson Pete Saunders and Vice Chairperson Brian Kajer presiding and the following in attendance:

Drew Buchanan

Vickie Gushrowski

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Saunders asked the board if they had reviewed the minutes from the April 12th, 2022, meeting and if there were corrections or additions. Hearing none he asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Gushrowski made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Kajer 2nd the motion. Motion carried and minutes were approved.

VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #22-02 PETITION: TO EXCEED THE MAXIMUM AREA LIMITATION FOR A DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING – REQUESTING 1,000 SQUARE FOOT DETACHED ACCESSORY BUILDING

Juan & Estela Martinez of 156 Seymour Ave. explained how he bought the house next door at 154 and knocked down the house and garage. He would like to build a garage for 156 for the materials used in maintaining his rental properties he owns and for a future vehicle.

Chairperson Saunders opened the meeting to public comment. No persons from the public were present. Public comment was closed.

Chairperson Saunders opened the meeting to board members for questions or comments. Mr. Buchanan wanted clarification on how big the proposed garage will be. Mr. Heinold explained that at one point the garage was drawn up to be 1200 Sq. Ft. but worked with Mr. Martinez and found that 1000 Sq. Ft. would fit the property better. The board did not have any more questions.

Vice Chairperson Kajer made a motion to approve a variance change for a detached garage to exceed the maximum square footage allowable under the zoning ordinance. Mrs. Gushrowski 2nd the motion and the motion passed.

Old Business

Chairperson Saunders asked if there was any old business. There was not any old business.

New Business

Chairperson Saunders asked if there was any new business. There was not any new business.

Other Business

Chairperson Saunders asked if there was any other business. There was not any other business.

Elections for Officers for 2022

Mrs. Gushrowski nominated for chair Mr. Saunders. Mrs. Gushrowski nominated Vice chair Kajer. Mrs. Gushrowski made a motion to approve and Mr. Buchanan 2nd the motion. The motion was carried and was approved.

Adjournment

Mrs. Gushrowski made a motion to adjourn, Mr. Buchanan 2nd the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pete Saunders, Chairperson

Nickolas Owens, Secretary