

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of La Porte held a meeting on December 13th, 2022, at 6:10 p.m. with Chairperson Pete Saunders presiding and the following in attendance:

Brian Kajer

Vickie Gushrowski

Drew Buchanan

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Chairperson Saunders asked the public if there are any comments on Non-Agenda Items. There was no response.

Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Saunders asked the board if they had reviewed the minutes from the Oct. 11th, 2022, meeting and if there were corrections or additions. Brian Kajer made the motion to approve minutes and Vickie Gushrowski 2nd the motion. Motion passed four to zero.

Agenda Rearranged

Mr. Saunders asked the board if it was ok to rearrange the agenda for the night, everyone agreed.

Item 6. Use Variance #22-09 Petition: TO ALLOW ADDITION TO REAR SOUTHWEST CORNER OF EXISTING SINGLE FAMILY SWELLING

The representative requested to table the item till the January meeting.

Our attorney asked David if it would require site review again and David answered no. Drew Buchanan motioned to move item to the January meeting and Vickie Gushrowski 2nd the motion. Motion carried four to zero.

Item 8. Use Variance #22-10 Petition: TO ALLOW CONVENIENCE STORE WITH GASOLINE SALES

The representative requested to table the item till the January meeting.

Drew Buchanan made a motion to table the item till the January meeting and Vickie Gushrowski 2nd the motion. Motion carried four to zero.

Item 5 Use Variance #22-07 Petition: TO ALLOW FOUR-UNIT MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

David explained that the applicant wants to withdraw the petition and motioned to the letter that was sent in. Drew Buchanan made a motion to withdraw the petition and Vickie Gushrowski 2nd the motion. Motion carried four to zero.

The public then proceeded to ask questions about the petition with our attorney explaining that because the request has been withdrawn that there is no reason to open a public comment but if he was to apply again in the future the applicant would have to notify the public again and then public comment would be heard.

The public then asked why they might not have received notice of the petition and the attorney explained that they might not live close enough to qualify for notice. David then explained that a sign is posted in the yard of the petitioned property. The public then asked how soon the applicant can

re-apply. The attorney then answered that the applicant can re-apply tomorrow.

Item 7 Variance of development standards #22-11 Petition: TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK FROM 25 FEET TO 18 FEET.

Sarah Murrell approached the podium and explained how she wants to put a 2-car garage where the 1 car garage is and they need the extra room from changing the set back to allow that garage to go in.

There was no comments or questions from the board.

There was no comments or questions from the public.

Vickie Gushrowski made a motion and Brian Kajer 2nd the motion. Motion passed four to zero.

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.

Adjournment

Vickie Gushrowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting Drew Buchanan 2nd the motion. Motion passed four to zero. The meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pete Saunders, Chairperson

Nickolas Owens, Secretary