

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of La Porte held a meeting on May 9th, 2023, at 6:17 p.m. with Chairperson Pete Saunders presiding and the following in attendance:

Vickie Gushrowski

Brian Kajer

Drew Buchanan

Mark Danielson

Approval of Minutes

Pete Saunders asked the board if they had reviewed the minutes from the April 11th, 2023, meeting and if there were corrections or additions. Drew Buchanan made the motion to approve minutes and Vickie Gushrowski 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Item 4. VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #23-06 PETITION: TO ALLOW 8 FOOT BY 19 FOOT OPEN UNENCLOSED DECK WITH ROOF IN MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK AREA

David started with the staff report explaining what is being proposed and that adjacent properties are similar.

Ally approached to say why he is building the porch. It is for the family that is looking to move in and have the same look as the rest of the houses adjacent.

Vickie Gushrowski motioned to approve and Mark Danielson 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

ITEM 5. USE VARIANCE #23-09 PETITION: TO ALLOW ONE (1) FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLING

Brian Kajer made a motion to approve and Drew Buchanan 2nd the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

ITEM 6. VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #23-07 PETITION: TO SUBDIVIDE THE PARCEL TO CREAT A LOT WITH NO ROAD FRONTAGE AND TO REDUCE THE MINIMUM LOT AREA OF TWO LOTS OT LESS THAN 80,000 SQUARE FEET

David started with his staff report, then Andrew wert approached to explain the history on why they are splitting, explaining that there was a tax mix up and now they need to split the property.

Mark Danielson made a motion to approve and Drew Buchanan 2nd the motion. Motion was approved 5 to 0.

ITEM 7. VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #23-08 PETITION: TO ALLOW A 30-FOOT-TALL BILLBOARD WITH 189 SQUARE FEET OF ADVERTISING SPACE ON EACH SIDE

David read his staff report.

Dave Ambers the attorney approached in representing the petitioner requesting construction of billboard. David then read the staff report on the petition.

Jim Roy then approached and explained his side of not wanting another billboard in the city. He stated it will cause business loss for himself and sign pollution in the city. Dave Ambers spoke on this and said they are always open to moving it. Jim Roy approached again stating that he would lose business regardless of position because it draws eyes away from his place to the billboard.

Vickie Gushrowski asked about location and placement of the proposed sign. Dave Ambers answered and discussed the location of the sign.

Vickie Gushrowski motioned for approval and Drew Buchanan 2nd the motion. Motion was approved 5 to 0

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Other Business

None

Adjournment

Brian Kajer motioned for Adjournment and Mark Danielson 2nd the motion. Motion carried 5 to 0. Meeting ended at 6:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Brian Kajer, Vice Chairperson

Nickolas Owens, Secretary