
**Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals was held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, in the Porter County Administrative Center, 155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana. Debbie Cook presided.

Members present were: Marvin Brickner, Luther Williams, Ken Williams and Debbie Cook. Also present were Attorney Scott McClure, Kristy Marasco, Monica Gee, Helene Pierce, citizens, and representatives of the press.

MINUTES:

Luther Williams made a motion to approve the April 17, 2019 minutes as submitted. Ken Williams seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and unanimously carried 4-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kristy Marasco advised two (2) favorable recommendations for John Sanders Case UV-19-0034 were received today and Members received copies in their meeting packets.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

UV-19-0033 – Gary Lindley, 688 West 600 North, Hobart, IN in Union Township in the RR, Rural Residential zoning district. Petitioner is seeking a Use Variance to continue the operation of a carpet cleaning business. Mr. Gary Lindley presented. There have been no changes other than he is not doing as much as he used to. He has future plans to move to the Philippines as a missionary but would like to keep the business going until that time. All of the work is performed off property and there is no signage.

Public Hearing: Debbie Cook asked if any of the public would like to speak in favor of or in opposition of this petition. Debbie Cook also asked that the public address their questions to the BZA while at the same time the petitioner will take notes and respond at one time. No one spoke; therefore, the public hearing was closed, and questions/comments were heard by the Members.

C: As a reminder, when you decide to move, you are not able to sell the business as part of the home. The variance is for Mr. Lindley only.

R: Understood. Mr. Lindley states he does not see this happening for another five years or so and does not think he will sell the business.

Motion: Ken Williams made a motion to approve UV-19-0033 for five (5) years with the same stipulations as previously approved. Luther Williams seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken and unanimously carried 4-0.

UV-19-0034 – John Sanders, 3 East 900 North, Chesterton, IN, in Liberty Township the R1, Residential District. The petitioner is seeking a Use Variance to continue the sale of farm products that are not seasonal and /or produced on the farm. Mr. John Sanders presented. He has a small store that sells his own milk, Yoder’s meats, eggs, cheese, and jams. He would like to request a permanent variance with the condition the store will not expand. There have been no complaints.

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Attorney McClure advised a permanent variance then goes with the property and can’t be controlled if the property is sold, but a variance longer than five year could be considered.

Motion: Marvin Brickner made a motion to approve UV-19-0034 for seven (7) years with the same stipulations as previously approved. Ken Williams seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken and unanimously carried 4-0.

STAFF ITEMS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the June 19, 2019 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Debbie Kerr-Cook, President

Attest: Kristy Marasco, Assistant Director