

---

**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**  
**May 17, 2023 – MEETING MINUTES**

**LOCATION:** County Administrative Center, Ste 205   **TIME:** 5:30 p.m.  
155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN

**MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Debbie Kerr-Cook, Marv Brickner, Jim Clarida, Brian Damitz, and Luther Williams.

**Also Attending:**

Attorney Scott McClure, Kristy Marasco and Monica Gee.

Debbie Kerr-Cook called the meeting to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

**Correspondence - None**

---

**Old Business**

**Case: UV-2023-11 (Continued)**

**Applicant: Bradford Bernard**

**Location:** 3054 Sager Rd, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (Center Township)

**Zoning:** R1, Low Density Single-family Residential District

**Request:** To allow a second single-family dwelling (connected by a breezeway) on the parcel to help with elderly mother.

Bradford Bernard - 3054 Sager Rd, Valparaiso, presented. He briefly went through his presentation given at the last meeting so all members knew his circumstances and reason for his request. He does not have a way to add an addition to his house. He wants to have one contiguous roof with the addition. There is an 8'-10' gap between the addition. He wants the addition where his mom can live so he can care for her. This will add value to the property. The buildings will match.

**Motion:** Brian Damitz moved to approved Case UV-2023-11. Jim Clarida seconded the motion and so approved with a 5-0 ballot vote.

---

**New Business**

**Case: UV-2023-17**

**Applicant: Nancy A. Sutton Living Trust, c/o Attorney Gregory T. Babcock**

**Location:** 175 West 1050 North, Chesterton, IN 46304 (Liberty Township)

**Zoning:** R1, Low Density Single-family Residential District

**Request:** To continue the Use Variance allowing a business office out of an existing garage.

Attorney Gregory Babcock presented on behalf of Petitioner. He explained the circumstances for the request and asked that it be made a permanent use variance.

## Public Hearing

Seeing no one wishing to address the Board, the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion:** Jim Clarida moved to approve Case UV-2023-17 making it a permanent use variance. Marv Brickner seconded the motion and so approved with a 5-0 ballot vote.

---

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

---

Debbie Kerr-Cook, President

---

Kristy Marasco, Planning & Zoning Manager