

**PORTER TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
MEETING HELD AT
PORTER TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
69373 BALDWIN PRAIRIE ROAD, UNION, MICHIGAN 49130
VARIANCE REQUEST FROM
CHAD and LYNN CASTRO
PARCEL #14-120-055-024-00 APPLICATION #15-9590-2
APRIL 7, 2016**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Yeomans with the Pledge to the Flag at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Jon White, Jamie Thompson, Steve Northrup, Hank Yeomans, Tom Robbins, Present
Alternates: Diane Konneck Present
ABSENT: Robert McDonald

MOTION: Made by Steve Northrup supported by Tom Robbins to approve the agenda with the addition P.A.110 Rules and Procedures.

Voice vote: unanimous

MOTION: Made by Steve Northrup supported by Tom Robbins to approve the minutes of March 10, 2016.

Voice vote: unanimous

Lynn Castro shared her plans for a new house located 65664 East Peninsula Drive, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031 (Shavehead Lake) with the board and public.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE:

None

CORRESPONDENCE:

Mr. Frank Manders 65573 Peninsula Drive, Cassopolis, Michigan 49031. Approves Mr.and Mrs. Castro's plans.

MOTION: Made by Steve Northrup supported by Jamie Thompson to close the public hearing.

Voice voice: unanimous

ZONING BOARD of APPEALS DELIBERATES AND DISCUSSES:

The board was not in objection to the request.

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Jon White under 111.1602 to approve the request.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Jon White-Yes, Steve Northrup-Yes, Tom Robbins-Yes, Jamie Thompson-Yes, Hank Yeomans-Yes.

OTHER MATTERS:

Brian Arbogast addressed the board regarding the letter he received from Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary Jamie Thompson. He was upset that the letter stated “You and or your representative was not in attendance” as a reason for his denial. When he was told by Hank Yeomans that he did not need to attend. Secretary Jamie Thompson informed Mr. Arbogast the Secretary is required to inform the applicant of the board’s decision via a letter when they are not in attendance. Secretary Jamie Thompson informed Mr. Arbogast his reasons. Mr. Arbogast discussed his frustration and concerns with the board.

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Tom Robbins to adopt Section 603(1) P.A. 110 as our Rules and Procedures. This will be forward to the Township Board for review.

Voice vote: unanimous

Jamie Thompson asked to send a letter addressed to the Planning Commission with changes made by Steve Northrup be sent to the Township Board for review.

MOTION: Made by Steve Northrup supported by Tom Robbins to send the letter to the Township Board for review.

Voice vote: unanimous

Hank Yeomans informed the board he like to step down as chairman, but will remain as a regular member of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Steve Northrup to accept Hank Yeomans resignation as Chairman.

Voice vote: unanimous

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Tom Robbins to elect Jon White as chairman.

Voice vote: unanimous

Township Representative Steve Northrup discussed with the ZBA Board that we should not discuss township matters on social sites.(i.e Facebook, etc.) He also reminded us that any communications we have with property owners, and anyone else during a site visit must be reported to the entire board.

Planning Commission Report: Have a couple meetings coming up regarding Kennels and The Shavehead Lake Island.

MOTION: Made by Jamie Thompson supported by Tom Robbins to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Voice vote: unanimous

Respectfully summitted,

Jamie Thompson
Secretary

