

PORTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF APPEALS
September 29, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM at the Porter Township Administration Building, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Steve Northrup, Tom Robbins, Jon White, Mike Rivers, Hank Yeomans

Absent: Bob Temple

Minutes of August 11, 2011

Motion to approve by Steve Northrup, second by Tom Robbins. Voice vote: Unanimous

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve by Steve Northrup, second by Tom Robbins. Voice vote: Unanimous

Variance Request

Chairman opened the public hearing followed by procedures, rules and main points of application.

Applicant Presents Request

Artie McElwee III

63306 Birch Road

Vandalia, MI

Parcel # 14-120-005-009-04

Summary of Analysis of Request

Mr. McAlwee III asked for a variance to build an accessory building with the dimensions of 60 feet by 42 feet by 22 feet high. This is in conflict with the Zoning Ordinance section 111.508 (c) concerning Accessory Buildings. This building would be identical to the accessory building that was built on his property after a variance was approved by the ZBA on July 16, 2008.

Support for Mr. McAlwee's request was voiced by John Heckman, Denise and Jeff Smitley and Rick Russwurm. No opposition to the request was voiced.

Following discussion by the Board, Steve Northrup made a motion to accept the variance request for the following reasons: The identical building was approved by the ZBA on July 16, 2008, there will be no obstruction of view of the neighbors, others in the area have the same type of building, The motion was seconded by Mike Rivers. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Other Matters

The next webcast training session will be Oct. 13 at 6:00 PM at the Administrative building. Hank will update his analysis of ZBA decisions from 2008 to 2011 to date and discuss the accessory building ordinance with Dave Nagy.

Motion to adjourn was made by Steve Northrup and seconded by Tom Robbins. Voice vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Respectfully,

Hank Yeomans
Acting Secretary/Chairman