

Porter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2021

Call to Order: Mike Schirott called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM at the Porter Township Admin Building. Pledge to the Flag was given by those in attendance.

Roll Call: Roll call was taken. Those not in attendance were Hank Yeomans and Josh Hendricks. Tommie Harman, Chad Niblock, Terry Schutter and Mike Schirott were in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

Open Issue: Application 20-380 as it applies to 62883 Birch Lakeview Drive, Vandalia, MI, parcel 14-120-080-009-00 was the initial issue for the month. Dave and Terry Carroll could not attend but were present via the phone. The variance request was essentially a renewal request for a variance granted in 2016. The matter was discussed in detail. The setbacks to the road would be within the retaining wall currently in place. The side setbacks would be reduced to a total of 16 feet 4 inches. The setback to the lake would remain as the current building sits on the property.

The meeting was closed. Terry Schutter made a motion, seconded by Chad Niblock to approve the variance request.

Voted unanimously in approval.

Open Issue: Application 21-386 as it applies to 70792 Long Lakeview in White Pigeon, MI, parcel 285-036-02 was the second issue of the month. Jeff Wysong was in attendance in support of his variance request. The issue involved the size of a proposed storage barn on the non-lake side of the property. The barn would back to the wooded wet land, across the street from Long Lake. A lively discussion of the deviation of the building sizes as passed by the Porter Township Board. The building would be 2800 square feet versus the 2100 square feet allowed for a lot $\frac{1}{4}$ acre or less.

Motion made by Chad Niblock to approve the variance request, seconded by Terry Schutter. The motion passed unanimously. The barn will be all steel, 30 feet from any lot line and have stone facia toward the street.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. Next meeting is scheduled for May 6, 2021

Respectfully submitted by Mike Schirott