

Porter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

August 5, 2021

Call to Order: Josh Hendricks 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. Not in attendance was Chad Niblock, Al Newvine and Louis Harrington. Tommie Harman, Terry Schutter, Josh Hendricks and Mike Schirott were in attendance. A quorum was achieved.

Minutes Approval There was not a reading the minutes of the May meeting, a copy could not be found in a timely manner. A reading of the May minutes will be incorporated into the reading of the August minutes at the next ZBA meeting.

Open Issue: Application 21-467 as it applies to 62390 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI, parcel 14-120-005-009-86. The issue applies to 111.508(e) accessory buildings (number of buildings) and 111.703 (height and area). The request was for a maximum height to be 25 feet high versus the 21 feet as allowed under the ordinance. Additionally, the building would be the third accessory building on the over 6-acre parcel of land. The total square footage of the accessory buildings would be 1,000 square feet over what is allowed in an R1 and R2 district.

The builder, Ryan Glass stated the building would not have plumbing but would be insulated and finished on the interior. Outside would be in general appearance of the other two buildings on the property. Two of the 500-foot owners were in attendance. They were Rick Russwurm and his wife, they were in support of the project. Additionally Karl Klappauf was in attendance and did not object to the project. The meeting was closed.

The matter was discussed at length. Tommie Harman questioned why have ordinances if the ZBA continues to ignore them. Terry Schutter made a motion to allow for the third accessory building to be built (50 by 50 by 16feet with a 25-foot peak). Motion seconded by Mike Schirott. Motion passed 3 to 1.

Motion to adjourn, seconded and passed. There is no scheduled meeting for the ZBA in September.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Schirott