

Porter Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2023

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: All members of the Board were present as were the two alternates.

Minutes Approval There was a reading of the minutes of the December 1, 2022 meetings. By motion of Terry Schutter the minutes were approved as read.

Follow-up issue: There were no issues that had to be discussed.

Open Issue: Application 23-706. The Lochmandy's want to extend their sun porch on their residence at 70955 Claire Drive, Union Mi. The sunroom addition would be placed less than 16 feet from the center of Claire Drive. The requirements under Ordinance 111.804 (d) required that the rear setback be established by 40% of the dwellings in the immediate area but not less than 15 feet.

The owners were represented by their builder Michiana Builders. The Lochmandy's were out of town and could not be present. A friend came in support of the application but were not 500-foot owners to the property at 70955 Claire Dr. One of the actual 500 owners wrote a letter in support of the application. That was written by Brent and Steph Bowman.

There was a discussion with those present. There was a motion by Mike Schirott to close the meeting. There was a brief discussion of the other homes location on Claire Drive. This would not place the property further out than the majority of dwellings on Claire Drive. Also, the variance request was for less than a foot in distance.

By motion of Tommie Harman, seconded by Chad Niblock the Board voted 5 to 0 to approve the variance request.

Motion to adjourn and approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Schirott