

## **Porter Township Zoning Board of Appeals**

### **Meeting Minutes**

**July 7, 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:** Members present were Josh Hendricks, Tommy Harman, Al Newvine and Mike Schirott. Not in attendance were Chad Niblock, Terry Schutter and Louis Harrington. A quorum was achieved.

**Minutes Approval** There was a reading of the minutes of the June 1, 2023 meeting. By motion of Al Newvine, seconded by Josh Hendricks the minutes were approved as read.

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

**Open Issue: Application 23-770.** Andrea and Chad Halstead requested a variance on Ordinance 111.801 (c) lake residential sheds for the residence at 65608 Lakeview, Dr, Vandalia, MI 49095. The request is for an accessory building in excess of the allowable size for the lot size. The building to be replaced is 8 by 8. The replacement building would be 14 by 16 and have a peak that is 11 feet high. The building would also have a covered patio/porch that would be 10 by 14 feet. The requested variance would allow for greater storage and a better enjoyment of the lake view. The owner, Andrea Halstead was present as was a relative, Shawn Halstead.

There were no written or verbal responses from the 500-foot owners. Tommy Harman had spoken to one of the adjacent property owners, there was no objection to the proposed variance.

Josh Hendricks closed the meeting at that point. By motion of Tommy Harman, seconded by Mike Schirott the matter the matter was approved 4 to 0.

The outstanding issue of mileage and time spent was briefly discussed. The matter has to be discussed with Beth Russell to determine if such costs are in the budget. Mike Schirott will discuss with Beth before the next meeting. Tommy brought up that he feels we should look at some of the repeated variance requests for the same ordinances. Josh suggested that we all meet next month as a group and look over the ordinances that we deal with. It was agreed we would meet next month on August 3 whether there is a variance request or not. The purpose of meeting is twofold; one to discuss the issues of mileage and time spent, second to look at the ordinances. The objective is to formalize the mileage position and draft a proposal of our collective thoughts on the ordinances we would like the plan commission to review for amendments.

By motion of Tommy Harman seconded by Josh Hendricks the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael G. Schirott