



**PORTER COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
HEARING OFFICER
January 23, 2020 – MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: County Administrative Center, Ste 205 **TIME:** 1:00 p.m.
155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Rick Burns, Hearing Officer
Kristy Marasco, Assistant Director
Kelly Cadwell
Monica Gee

NEW BUSINESS

Case: DV-19-0082

Applicant: Benjamin Herbert

Location: 572 West 213 South, Hebron, Porter Township

Zoning: RR, Rural Residential District

Acres: 4.6 +/-

Request: To allow for a proposed (42' X 64') pole barn with a (10' X 64') lean-to to vary from the following:

- Exceed the maximum height allowed of 20' to be at 27.8'
- Exceed the maximum floor area; the cumulative square footage of all accessory structures shall not exceed the two percent (2%) of the square footage of the lot.

Public Hearing:

Seeing no one wishing to address the Board, Rick Burns declared the Public Hearing closed.

Discussion: Benjamin Herbert presented. His in-laws are moving from Illinois to his property in Valparaiso and this will be used for storage. It needs to be this big to support personal storage items and a tractor and other equipment. He needs the height variance to accommodate an RV. Rick Burns suggested he look into using a scissors trust which would allow the height to be lower. At this point he does not see the hardship for approving the requests.

Motion: Rick Burns moved to continue Case DV-19-0082 to the February 13, 2020 meeting. Between then and now applicant is to work on making the size and height smaller and lower.

Case: DV-20-0001

Applicant: Todd Gore

Location: 692 Cross Meadows Drive, Valparaiso, Portage Township

Zoning: PUD, Planned Unit Development District

Acres: .25 +/-

Request: To allow an existing single-family residence to exceed side yard setback from the required 8' to be at 7.955'.

Todd Gore presented. This house has already been built and is sold. This was discovered when the as-builts were done. The survey showed 4.5" over the building line. They are not sure how the mistake happened.

Public Hearing:

Seeing no one wishing to address the Board, Rick Burns declared the Public Hearing closed.

Discussion: Rick Burns stated he has seen mistakes before. The survey should have been done once the foundation was done and before it is more costly to fix.

Motion: Rick Burns moved to approve Case DV-20-0001.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Rick Burns, Hearing Officer

Kristy Marasco, Assistant Director