



**Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals
Special Meeting Minutes
January 29, 2020**

A special meeting of the Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals was held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020, in the Porter County Administrative Center, 155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana. Debbie Cook presided.

Members present were: Mike Young, Marvin Brickner, Luther Williams, Brian Damitz and Debbie Cook. Also present were Attorney Scott McClure, Kristy Marasco, Monica Gee, Helene Pierce, citizens, and representatives of the press.

WELCOME: Deb Cook introduced and welcomed new Member Brian Damitz. Brian is the new Plan Commission representative.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kristy Marasco advised a letter was turned in immediately prior to the meeting and was passed to all Members.

OLD BUSINESS:

UV-19-0080 – Humane Indiana Inc., c/o Brian Fitzpatrick, 571 North 450 East, Valparaiso, IN in Washington Township in the RR, Rural Residential District. Petitioner is seeking a Use Variance to allow the business of education programs focused on Porter County Wildlife. Mr. Brian Fitzpatrick presented. The case was heard on January 15, 2020 and postponed until tonight to give us a chance to go before the DRC. We attended DRC earlier this morning. From that meeting we were advised to contact Mr. Mike Haller and we immediately did so. Mr. Haller advised that after appraisal of the new house, he would walk through to make sure the house meets all codes for a business. Kristy Marasco advised that the Health Department has requested State approval for the septic. DRC also requested a pedestrian crossing for the road and any future modifications go before the DRC for review and approval.

Members of the public asked to be recognized due to not being able to attend the January 15, 2020 meeting. Due to a lack of a motion, the public hearing was not reopened.

Motion: Luther Williams made a motion to approve UV-19-0080 subject to compliance with all DRC recommendations and requests. Marvin Brickner seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken and unanimously carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the January 29, 2020 Board of Zoning Appeals special meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Debbie Kerr-Cook, President

Attest: Kristy Marasco, Assistant Director