

PORTER COUNTY DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE
February 9, 2022 – MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION: County Administrative Center, Ste 205 TIME: 9:00 a.m.
155 Indiana Avenue, Valparaiso IN

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Robert Thompson, Dan Boyd, Kevin Breitzke, Mike Novotney, Rich Hudson, Kelly Cadwell, Matt Gavelek, and Monica Gee.

Case: DP-21-0082

Petitioner: Union Township Schools Transportation Building

Location: 599 West 300 North, Valparaiso, IN 46385 (Union Township)

Zoning: IN

Acres: 32+/-

Request: Seeking approval for a proposed 13,000 square foot transportation garage to be used for maintenance for school buses and storage.

Ken Donovan presented. The building is for a transportation garage and parking spaces. This is just for Union Township buses. Storm water is being handled on site.

Mike Novotney asked if the right of way is going to be dedicated. Ken Donovan replied the Plan Commission had requested the dedication. Mike Novotney stated there is a drainage easement that will be dedicated as well. Staff is asking that the entry drive be constructed to County standards.

Mike Novotney stated he has reviewed the project a couple of times. It substantially conforms to the County's design and construction standards.

Dan Boyd asked if the school was served by White Oak Conservancy. Ken Donovan replied that is correct. Dan asked if the building will have any restrooms. Ken replied the water and sanitary will connect with the High School.

Kevin Breitzke asked about the outlet. Mike Novotney replied he has looked at improvements to drainage for the school as a whole. That conversation will continue. The outlet is to the wetland pond area. During significant rainfalls the area may be somewhat wet.

Ken Donovan said the school is working on a comprehensive master plan for their sports fields. This will create better drainage.

Kevin Breitzke asked if the County will require any type of blister or decel lane at the driveway. Ken replied that due to the small number of vehicles in and out, he was advised it will not be required. Eventually the driveway will connect with some internal roads. At that time, they will look at a blister.

Matt Gavelek stated code has requirements for concrete and asphalt. He will work with them to make sure they do it to County standards. He feels this is the best spot for the entranceway.

Motion: Kevin Breitzke moved to approve Case DP-21-0082. Dan Boyd seconded the motion, which carried on an unanimous voice vote.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:16 a.m.