

**Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals
Regular Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals was held at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, in the Porter County Administrative Center, 155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana. Debbie Cook presided.

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

MINUTES:

Marvin Bricker made a motion to approve the April 21, 2021 minutes as submitted. Jim Clarida seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken and unanimously carried 5-0.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Kristy Marasco advised a letter of support of Petition DV-16-0036 was provided to the Members in their meeting packets.

NEW BUSINESS:

DV-16-0036 – (AMENDED) – William Dykstra & Zinco Property Management LLC, 904 Grandview Avenue, Valparaiso, IN in Center Township in the RL, Residential Lake District. The petitioner is seeking an amendment for the following Development Standards Variance:

- To allow the use of gravel for driveway and parking area.

Attorney Ed Medley presented. Attorney Lee Lane was also present. The petitioner was granted variances in March 2021 with the condition that Lot 2 must maintain less than or 50% of impervious surface. We met with County Storm Water Engineer, Mike Novotney, at the site in late March. We also invited the neighbors for their input. Surface water management, the driveway, and the parking area was discussed at this meeting. Mr. Novotney gave suggestions on what we could do to help with the surface water management. Gravel was an option. We are therefore seeking a variance to allow the use of gravel for the driveway and parking area.

Public Hearing: Debbie Cook asked if any of the public would like to speak in favor of or in opposition of this petition. Debbie Cook also asked that the public address their questions to the BZA while at the same time the petitioner will take notes and respond at one time.

Mr. John Hughes, 911 Grandview Drive, Valparaiso, advised that he reached out to both attorneys in this case after the last approval. An agreement was reached with the attorneys and the neighbors that was not otherwise reviewed at a prior Board of Zoning Appeals meeting. A copy of that agreement was provided to the Members and Attorney Hughes requests moving forward with the current request.

The public hearing was closed, and questions/comments were heard from the Members.

Q: Will the gravel be contained via a form or cut or something of the like?

A: Yes. We will provide something to keep it in place.

Motion: Marvin Brickner made a motion to approve DV-16-0036 with the condition that the gravel areas are lined out and the gravel is contained via a form or cut or something of the like. Such approval will not be injurious to the health, safety or public welfare of the community and will not affect the use of the adjacent properties. Luther Williams seconded the motion. A ballot vote was taken and unanimously carried 5-0.

STAFF ITEMS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the May 19, 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Debbie Kerr-Cook, President

Attest: Kristy Marasco, Assistant Director