

Burns Harbor Board of Zoning Appeals

Minutes of Tuesday, July 28, 2020

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Burns Harbor, Porter County, Indiana met in its regular session on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in the Town Hall. The meeting was called to order by Board of Zoning Appeals President, Bernie Poparad at 7:00 pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited.

Roll Call:

Bernie Poparad Present
Gordon McCormick Present
Robert Crecelius Present
Jim Meeks..... Present
Timothy Minier Present

Additional Officials Present

Attorney-Michael Brazil
Building Commissioner-Rob Wesley
Secretary-Marge Falbo

Minutes

Minier makes a motion to approve the minutes of January 28, 2020. McCormick seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Communication, Bills, Expenditures

Falbo says I received a phone call from Lori Tarnowski informing me they are not going to renew their variance for the property at 357 Melton Road. They have already removed one of the two sheds on the property and plan to remove the second one before the variance expiration date of September 25, 2020. Poparad says their liability insurance lapses on August 29, 2020 and they should have the second shed removed before that date.

Meeks makes a motion to have the second shed removed from the property by August 29, 2020 and the Building Commissioner can inspect the property on August 30, 2020 for compliance. Minier seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Report of Officers, Committee, Staff

Building Commissioner Wesley says we are busier than we were last year at this time. Poparad says a lot of people are home because of COVID and they're catching up on a lot of projects. Keep up the good work.

Poparad says we have a new member, Robert "Bob" Crecelius. We're glad to have you on board. Crecelius says thank you—I look forward to learning a lot and being a part of the Town.

Preliminary Hearing

Ralph Awald
1191 Rak Road

I am here to request a variance to put up a larger than allowed accessory building on my property.

Minier says and the reason you're putting it up. Awald says I would like to have room to keep my Studebakers and other cars that I have so I'm able to work on them.

Poparad says it's for your use and you're not going to try to rent it out or do anything else? Awald says no.

Minier says are you going to have water running? Just curious of what type of utilities other than electricity you plan to have. Awald says I have no plans for anything other than electricity.

Meeks says what color is it going to be? Awald says white with blue trim.

Minier says so essentially it matches the house. Awald says it will be a close match.

Poparad says how big is the building. Awald says 30 x 40, 1,200 square feet. Poparad asks Building Commissioner Wesley what is standard for this district. Building Commissioner Wesley says 700 square feet. I visited Awald's property and he showed me where he wants to place it and he has the room there.

Meeks says so the back of it will be facing my yard. Awald says yes. Meeks says I assume you going to remove trees there. Awald says I am going to have one pine tree removed and the others trimmed.

Poparad asks Falbo if all the paperwork is in order. Falbo says yes.

Meeks makes a motion to set Awald's variance request for a Public Hearing on August 25, 2020. McCormick seconded the motion. Motion carried by all in favor vote.

Poparad says with COVID restrictions we didn't want too many people present at one time. Elliott should be here pretty soon. We can take a short recess.

Steve Elliott
Steve's Door Service, LLC.
307 Melton Road
Elliott did not appear for his Preliminary Hearing.

Public Hearing

None

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good of the Order of the Community & Any Other Business

None

Announcements

None

Adjourn

Minier motions to adjourn at 7:45 pm. McCormick seconded the motion. **Motion carried by all in favor vote.**

APPROVED on August 25, 2020

Bernie Poparad, President

Marge Falbo, Secretary