

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals of the City of LaPorte held its regular meeting on June 14, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall with Chairperson Karen Burden presiding and the following attendance:

David McCain
James Reeder

Marti Swanson

Mitch Bishop & Lewis Ridenour were absent from the meeting.

Minutes of the April meeting were approved as mailed on a motion made by Marti Swanson and seconded by James Reeder. Motion carried.

David McCain spoke to the board about the petition tabled from last month and said that he had a letter from the attorney handling Industrial Development of LaPorte, which stated that they were withdrawing their petition for variance.

GREG WALLEN

Mr. Wallen was present and read his petition to the board for a variance from the size requirements to build a garage addition on property located at 510 W. 18th St. The addition will be 20' X 36' and will meet all setback requirements. Mr. Wallen had photo's of the existing garage and letters from neighbors with no objections to the petition. There were no remonstrators present.

James Reeder asked Mr. Wallen if he had notified the Condo Association. Mr. Reeder felt that they needed to be notified and would Mr. Wallen to do so before granting the variance.

After lengthy discussion and asking questions, James Reeder made a motion to grant the variance with the condition that within 10(ten) days, Mr. Wallen present the secretary with a letter from the Association stating that they have no objections to the petition. Marti Swanson seconded the motion. Karen Burden voted aye. Motion carried.

CHERRI STRUSS

Ms. Struss read her petition to the board for a variance from the rear yard setback requirements to build an addition on the back of the her house located at 310 "C" St. The addition will 6' from the property line. Ms. Struss passed out to the board members photo's of the house and a site plan of the addition. There were no remonstrators present.

After discussion and asking questions, James Reeder made a motion to grant the variance. Marti Swanson seconded the motion. Karen Burden voted aye. Motion carried.

YMCA

Atty. Mark Phillips was present and asked the board to table the petition till the July 12, 2011 meeting.

Marti Swanson made a motion to table the petition till the July 12, 2011 meeting. James Reeder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion to adjourn was made by Marti Swanson and seconded by James Reeder. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Karen Burden, Chairperson

Lisa Biddle, Secretary