



CITY OF LA PORTE

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City Council

Appointments:

Brian Kajer
Jan. 2022-Dec. 2025

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Mark Danielson
Jan. 2022-Dec. 2025

Vickie Gushrowski
Jan. 2025-Dec. 2027

Nate Loucks
Jan. 2024-Dec. 2027

Pete Saunders
Jan. 2025-Dec. 2028

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Drew Buchanan

Julie West

PC/BZA Attorney:

Mark Worthley

Staff Liaison:

David Heinold

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CITY OF LA PORTE – BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS AGENDA

Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers | 801 Michigan Ave.

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Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Members of the public should understand the Board of Zoning Appeals members may be unable to thoroughly review and consider materials delivered by the day of the public hearing. The order of business shall be:

A. Applicant Presentation B. Staff Presentation C. Public Comment
D. Applicant Response E. Board Discussion/Action

ITEM 1. Call Meeting to Order

ITEM 2. Pledge of Allegiance

ITEM 3. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

ITEM 4. Approval of Minutes: October 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes

ITEM 5. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-12**
PETITION to Reduce the Minimum Building Setback for a Detached Accessory Building to a Principal Residential Building from 10 Feet to 8.5 Feet
Petitioner: Doug Biege
Property Owner: same
Location: 1817 Indiana Avenue
Staff Report: David Heinold

ITEM 6. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-13**
PETITION to Exceed the Maximum Accessory Building Area – Requesting 976 Square Feet
Petitioner: Crystal Medina
Property Owner: same
Location: 816 I Street
Staff Report: David Heinold

ITEM 7. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-14**
PETITION to Exceed Maximum Accessory Building Area – Requesting 9,368 Square Feet
Petitioner: Attorney Dave Ambers
Property Owner: James Shoffner
Location: 1797 West 300 North
Staff Report: David Heinold

ITEM 8. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #25-15**
PETITION to Reduce the Minimum Rear Yard Building Setback from 20 Feet to 10 Feet in the R1D Zoning District; Reduce the Minimum Front Yard Building Setback from 15 Feet to 10 Feet in the R2B Zoning District; Allow two small parking areas perpendicular to the street for the townhome lots to allow motorists to back into the street; Remove sidewalk requirement along all major thoroughfare frontages; and Public Works Construction Standards Section 5.07 Easements to Reduce Minimum Public Utility Easement Standards from 20 Feet to 10 Feet
Petitioner: Duneland Group (on behalf of Beechwood Lakes LLC, John Kavchak)
Property Owner: Beechwood Lakes LLC
Location: 1311 Boyd Boulevard
Staff Report: David Heinold

ITEM 9. Old Business

ITEM 10. New Business

ITEM 11. Other Business

ITEM 12. Adjournment

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