



**LAPORTE COUNTY
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**ANNEMARIE POLAN
Building Commissioner**

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2013 BZA MINUTES

Dear Members:

The regular meeting of the La Porte County Board of Zoning Appeals was held Tuesday, September 17th, 2013 in the Assembly Room of the County Complex at 6:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dwayne Hogan
Glen Minich
Wally Pritz
Candice Nelson
Melissa Mullins Mischke

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Biege, Board Attorney
Annemarie Polan, Recording Secretary
Cynthia Kreske, Office Manager

Pledge of Allegiance.

Dwayne Hogan entertained a Motion for the approval of meeting minutes of August 20th, 2013.

Melissa Mullins Mischke made a Motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Candice Nelson seconded.

Dwayne Hogan asked if there were any questions, comments, or concerns.

All approved. Motion carried 5-0.

Just for the record the petition for **John Burys , d/b/a Phoenix Enterprises America, LLC and Richard Loniewski** for a variance to operate a Gentlemens Club, property is zoned B-3 and possibly R1B and located at 5906 N US Highway 35, La Porte has been postponed until next month.

1. **The Petition for Harold W. Dickinson, Beverly J. Dickinson and Dennis D. Dickinson**, for three steers on his property with only 1.6 acres of land instead of the required three acres. (Section 14.02 c). This property is located at 902 E 200 North, La Porte, Kankakee Twp., zoned R1B.

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Attorney Biege said that notice is adequate.

Dennis Dickinson stated he is here for a variance for three steers on his property for his three daughters for 4H. One daughter is in 4H now and has been for the past three years, one daughter will be in 4H this year and the third daughter will join next year. He gets the steers in the fall and the girls will take care of them (to teach them responsibility) until they take them to the fair, where they are auctioned off. He will do this every year until the girls are fifteen years old. He had three steers last year and that is why he is here now. He received a letter from the Building Commissioner. He has a fenced in area for the steers, which he is ready to hook up the electric to the fence. He has a barn with a limestone floor.

Candice Nelson asked if there was any thing to do for environmental purposes such as manure. Dennis Dickinson replied that his dad has a farm and he comes with the manure spreader, picks up the manure and takes it to his farm (the dad's) to spread it over there.

Remonstrator:

Dwayne Hogan asked for name and address for the record.

1. Saul Salgado Mendez, 0858 E 200 N, La Porte, does not have a problem with this except he would like to make sure there is a fence so the steers cannot get out and go on his property. They did escape once.

Glen Minich wants a property line fence. Dennis Dickinson said what kind of fence? Glen said a fence with barbed wire. Dennis did not like that idea because the neighbor, Saul Salgado Mendez, has a little boy and he has the three young girls and didn't want the kids to touch it and get hurt. Wally Pritz said that an electric fence would be the best around the steers.

2. Steve Phillips, Bass Lake, IN., friend of Saul Salgado Mendezs' family said he means they want the electric fence around the steers, not the whole property.

Dennis Dickinson said a property fence is like a remesh type.

Glen Minich said that is called a woven wire fence with one strand of barbed wire on the top.

Dennis said he didn't like that idea because he knows of snowmobilers who have driven into fences like that and were hurt.

Glen Minich made a motion to grant this petition with the stipulation that a high tensile fencing of at least 5 strands of wire, with posts that are close together, no electric, or a three (3) board wood fence in addition to the current electric fence, required between the adjoining neighbor on the left, to hold the cattle.

Melissa Mullins Mischke seconded the Motion.

Dwayne Hogan asked if there were any questions, comments or concerns.

Glen Minich said the only other concern, within our code in our ordinance, they do make the mention that you already have a confined area for the livestock; being this is a residential area, the code also states that it has to be maintained in grass to the point that when you put the cattle out there, there is no dirt and dust kicked up for the neighbors.

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Dwayne Hogan asked if there were any other questions, comments or concerns.

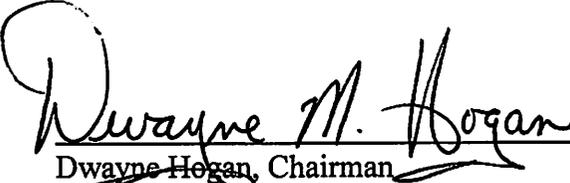
All approved. Motion carried 5-0. Opposed. Passed

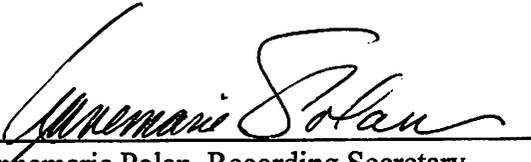
Any other business for the BZA?

Melissa Mullins Mischke made a Motion to adjourn. Candice Nelson seconded.

All approved. Motion carried 5-0.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned: 6:24 P.M.


Dwayne Hogan, Chairman


Annemarie Polan, Recording Secretary

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