July 18th, 2023

Dear Members:

The regular meeting of the La Porte County Board of Zoning Appeals was held Tuesday, **July 18th, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Assembly Room of the County Complex.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Melissa Mullins Mischke  Glen Minich  
Deb Vance  Vern Schafer

**PRESENT:** Michael Polan, Recording Secretary, Attorney Doug Biege; Ashley Kazmucha, Administrative Coordinator

The Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for approval of the meeting minutes of June 20th, 2023.

Glen Minich made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of June 20th, 2023 as presented.

Deb Vance seconded.

All Approved. Motion carries 4-0

**Petitions:**

1. **Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Brent C Chupp** to split 80' of frontage off from the main parcel and to add it to the rear parcel and for construction on the new parcel. Primary parcel will retain 265' of frontage and roughly 1.7 acres. New parcel will have 80' of frontage and roughly 1.4 acres. The property is located at 11999 W. Hwy 6, Westville, IN., New Durham Twp., zoned A on 3.106 total acres. Parcels 46-09-30-101-007.000-027 & 46-09-30-101-006.000-027.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Brent Chupp stated his address it 11881 US Hwy. 6, Westville, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what is unique about the property that they need to do the split.

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Brent Chupp stated it is split up in two (2) parcels already so essentially, he is wanting to do the divide so that he can have access to the back parcel.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked about the home that is on the current primary parcel. Is that going to stay there?

Brent Chupp stated no. Based on conversations, he will probably take it down and build new. He doesn’t think it is salvageable or not worth it to be salvaged at this point.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated his plan is to put a home on each parcel.

Brent Chupp stated at this point, yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she sees he has a letter from INDOT with his egress/ingress for his apron.

No remonstrators present.

Vern Schafer stated he noticed that the rear parcel is one-point-one-five (1.15) acres and the front parcel is one-point-nine-five-six (1.956) acres and he is planning on making an “L” shape. Is that the plan?

Brent Chupp stated correct. He will re-line it so it makes sense for the property because it has kind of a crazy diagonal going on it right now so he will make it fit better for a future home.

Vern Schafer stated so he is planning on putting eventually two (2) homes on the property.

Brent Chupp stated yes. One (1) on the front and one (1) on the back parcel.

Vern Schafer stated the one (1) on the back parcel then would not be close to the road in the narrow eighty-foot (80’) strip for having access.

Brent Chupp stated it will be on the back side in the wooded area so the eighty-foot (80’) will be basically just for a driveway to get back to the back for meeting the back home.

Vern Schafer stated he was granted a driveway permit from INDOT.

Brent Chupp stated that is correct. The permit has already been done.

Vern Schafer stated he is right on Highway 6 and close to the County Line, correct?

Brent Chupp stated correct.

Glen Minich asked if there was any possibility to get more frontage; why just eighty feet (80’) when he is retaining two hundred and sixty-four feet (264’)? How close will he be to the existing driveway?
Brent Chupp stated probably within ten feet (10'). He tried to push it far enough over, but still give someone a little bit of room there so they don’t feel like they are squishing together the property there.

Glen Minich stated okay.

Glen Minich made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Brent C Chupp to split 80’ of frontage off from the main parcel and to add it to the rear parcel and for construction on the new parcel. Primary parcel will retain 265’ of frontage and roughly 1.7 acres. New parcel will have 80’ of frontage and roughly 1.4 acres. The property is located at 11999 W. Hwy 6, Westville, IN., New Durham Twp., zoned A on 3.106 total acres. Parcels 46-09-30-101-007.000-027 & 46-09-30-101-006.000-027.

Vern Schafer seconded.

All Approved. Motion carries 4-0.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for any old business.

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There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Melissa Mullins Mischke, President

Michael Polan, Recording Secretary