

LAPORTE COUNTY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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Michael Polan Building Commissioner

March 19th, 2024

Dear Members:

The regular meeting of the La Porte County Board of Zoning Appeals was held Tuesday, March 19th, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the County Complex.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Melissa Mullins Mischke

Ernie Schmidt

Deb Vance

Vern Schafer

John Carr

PRESENT:

Michael Polan, Recording Secretary; Ashley Kazmucha, Administrative

Coordinator; Attorney Doug Biege

The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for approval of the meeting minutes of February 20th, 2024

John Carr made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Ernie Schmidt seconded.

All Approved. Motion carries 5-0

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated before they get to the petitions, she wants everyone to understand that they do not have public comments. Their opportunity to speak is during remonstrance whether they are for or against a petition. Everyone gets three (3) minutes and Ashley is going to count it down on the clock and when their three (3) minutes are up, they're up, they're done. If they have a group of people, she would like to hear something new from the next one (1) every time. With that, let's get into the petitions.

Petitions:

1. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Christopher S and Jennifer M Granfield for construction of a second home to care for elderly parents. This property is located 921 E. 650 N., LaPorte, IN., Galena Twp., zoned A on 9.723 acres. Parcel 46-03-31-200-021.000-048.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Christopher Granfield stated his address is 921 E. 650 N., LaPorte, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what his plans are.

Christopher Granfield stated his father-in-law and mother-in-law live in Arizona and they are from Indiana originally and his father-in-law is in failing health; they need help. So, what they want to do is build a barn with an in-law apartment up by their house so they can keep a watchful eye on their in-laws. They have expanded the septic field to accept the bigger building already. It is the high point on the land.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if they have spoken with the Health Department on the size of their septic.

Christopher Granfield stated not yet.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated waiting to see what they decide.

Christopher Granfield stated yes.

Vern Schafer asked if this is an attachment to an existing building or is it brand new construction.

Christopher Granfield stated it is brand new construction. The intended building is going to be a barndominium with a sixty by forty (60' x 40') pole barn and a living space in an "L" off the barn.

Vern Schafer asked what their plans for the future of the property are once the need is gone.

Christopher Granfield stated his plans are that he has two (2) children and they are older. He has the property in a trust and he would like to keep it in the family. These rural properties are kind of hard to get and he wants it to be a family compound for future generations.

Vern Schafer stated okay.

John Carr asked what his time frame is.

Christopher Granfield stated he is ready to do this as soon as he gets approval. The sooner the better. Hopefully within the next year.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how long it will take for construction.

Christopher Granfield stated the shell can be put up in seven (7) weeks and then they are going to finish the inside once it is weathered in.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated okay.

Deb Vance stated barndominiums take a lot less time to build than stick built homes.

Christopher Granfield stated yes, they go up pretty quick. They're pretty energy efficient.

No remonstrators present.

Ernie Schmidt made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Christopher S and Jennifer M Granfield for construction of a second home to care for elderly parents. This property is located 921 E. 650 N., LaPorte, IN., Galena Twp., zoned A on 9.723 acres. Parcel 46-03-31-200-021.000-048.

John Carr seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated aye.

Deb Vance stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

All Approved. Motion carries 5-0.

2. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Corey A Madaras for construction of a residential use pole barn with water to be built before the primary home. This property is located at 7995 E. SR 2, New Carlisle, IN., Wills Twp., zoned A on 17.05 acres. Parcel 46-08-08-200-022.000-068.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Corey Madaras stated his address 18382 Clairmont Dr., South Bend, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what his plans are.

Corey Madaras stated he wants to build a garage with water, a septic system, and things of that nature to then use to build a house further off into the property. It's about seventeen (17) acres.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he is going to store his construction materials. Is he his own contractor?

Corey Madaras stated he's not actually going to build this. He is a contractor, but he isn't building the garage.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for the house.

Corey Madaras stated he is not going to build the whole house either. They will do basic exterior stuff, but they will contract out the shell and foundation and things of that nature.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated okay. So, he wants to store materials inside of the structure and reside there.

Corey Madaras stated store yes, but he is not going to live there. No.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated there is a structure on the property already.

Corey Madaras stated yes. There is a cabin with an adjoined garage with industrial doors.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if there is a reason they can't use that for storage.

Core Madaras stated they have too much stuff. They have excavators, trucks, and all types of stuff.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what size of building is he looking at.

Corey Madaras stated it will be a forty by sixty (40' x 60').

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she just saw it as she asked him.

No remonstrators present.

Vern Schafer asked how long after the construction of this does he plan on starting the house.

Corey Madaras stated within twelve (12) months.

Ernie Schmidt asked where the house will go.

Corey Madaras stated it will be further back in the property approximately shooting from the hip a hundred and fifty yards (150 yds.) probably.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if they are going to keep the existing structure.

Corey Madaras stated yes.

John Carr asked if there is a septic for the existing structure.

Corey Madaras stated not yet. It has been approved, but they didn't realize they were going to have to get a variance so they obviously paused everything.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if that structure is residential.

Corey Madaras stated the one (1) that is currently there.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated yes.

Corey Madaras stated there is no water in it.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated okay. So, it is just storage.

Corey Madaras stated yes.

John Carr asked if he is planning to have septic for both buildings.

Corey Madaras stated he thinks he misunderstood. The new building will have a septic. There was a previous structure there and it was demolished. There is a dry well there. Obviously, it is not up to code so that has to be collapsed. They're going to put a new septic in for the new barn. The old cabin is on the other side of the driveway so that won't have any water or septic attached to it.

Vern Schafer stated the way the petition is written for the variance is that it is for construction of a residential use pole barn with water to be built before the primary home. He says it is a residential use building, but he is not going to live there.

Corey Madaras stated no. They just want to have access to water and a bathroom while they are building the house and maintaining the property, but there will be nobody residing in the barn.

Michael Polan stated to clarify the way that was written, the zoning is Ag which is why it was written for residential use as opposed to Ag use. He thinks this is the one (1) where he did want to verify that there isn't going to be any structures in any utility easements or affect the overhead lines that are running through there.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated does that make sense.

Corey Madaras stated he is listening, but he does not know.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated there are overhead power lines there currently.

Corey Madaras stated yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they want to make sure he doesn't disturb the underground or overhead utilities.

Michael Polan stated right. Check for easements and don't build in any easements.

Corey Madaras stated okay.

Vern Schafer made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Corey A Madaras for construction of a residential use pole barn with water to be built before the primary home. All existing utilities are not to be impaired and the starting date of construction for the primary home within twelve (12) months. This property is located at 7995 E. SR 2, New Carlisle, IN., Wills Twp., zoned A on 17.05 acres.

Ernie Schmidt seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated aye.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

All Approved. Motion carries 5-0.

3. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Robert Helmer for placement of a shipping container for storage. This property is located behind 10152 E. 500 S., Walkerton, IN., Lincoln Twp., zoned A on 5.32 acres. Parcel 46-12-35-506-001.000-055.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Robert Helmer stated his address is 9243 Greenwood Ave., Munster, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he owns this property out in Walkerton.

Robert Helmer stated yes. It is an abandoned railroad. It is a little over five (5) acres. There is a high-tension utility line running through the west quarter and the back two-thirds (¾). The very far east end still has the existing railroad bed there and it is kind of a high embankment because that is where it crosses the canal that is on the eastern side of the property. It has a lot of trees. He wants to turn it into a more grassy area for small game such as rabbits primarily.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what the road frontage is.

Robert Helmer stated a hundred feet (100').

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how often would he be using it for hunting. Would it be like a weekend activity?

Robert Helmer stated yes. The rabbit season usually only goes from early fall after the first freeze through January. Currently, it has a lot of trees, hemlock, and these small trees that grow similar to bamboo that they really can't get through. So, he found that a weedwhacker and chainsaw is inadequate and maybe a tractor with a mower type thing to keep the invasive species down.

Remonstrators:

Steve Taylor stated his address is 10152 E. 500 S., Walkerton, IN. They have the property adjoining the property in question. They are opposed to have a shipping container placed back there. It is the back of their property. It would be an eye sore. Property values are always in question when they have things like that. They are just really concerned about activity of people breaking into items there that are not addressed or not attended to. The main thing is just having what they would consider an eye sore in the back of their property.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated one (1) of the things she is concerned about with regard to hunting and the shipping container. Again, she has to agree with security. He doesn't live on the property or near the property so that could be a problem, but she worries about the use of the land too and hunting in the direction of homes.

Robert Helmer stated the home is not right next door. It's not like a residential area. They have an entire meadow between him and their house. There is a line of trees that run along the house. DNR has come out and they have already called DNR on him once. DNR came out and clearly stated that the property is absolutely ideal for hunting legally. Everything south of him is nothing but farmland. Everything west of him is nothing but farmland. Everything east of him is nothing but swamp. They have their horses. They are opposed to the shipping container because of the appearance. They have already sent him a recommendation to build a shed. They gave him a name to have someone build a shed. Having a structure on the property he doesn't believe is their objection. The objection is just that it is an unsightly shipping container. He is more than happy to put up some Christmas trees or some green type evergreens that grow to block that side of the shipping container.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated let's see what other questions they have.

John Carr asked what it will sit on. Will it sit on a foundation or gravel?

Robert Helmer stated it will sit on the railroad bed; there is rock and stone from the railroad bed.

Vern Schafer asked if this is the only property that he owns.

Robert Helmer stated just to the west he owns another one (1) mile stretch of the railroad and that is like Project C for him. He is about to retire; he is an outdoor guy. His jobs are all outdoor.

He would like to continue being outdoors. Right now, the goal is to set it up for rabbit and just get out and walk. He has a meeting with DNR coming up in order to determine what it takes to set it up for the rabbit hunting area. He would like a dog and he would like to be able to train his dog out there during the summer. That is goal B. He would like to get a beagle.

Vern Schafer stated the only think that concerns him obviously is a narrow strip of a hundred feet (100') wide of property and he is going to use it for hunting purposes. It is pretty hard to make sure that he keeps the bullets on his property unless he has permission from the adjoining land owners to actually hunt it.

Robert Helmer stated that is pretty much true on almost every piece of property if they hunt the edges of any piece of property. Rabbit hunting is a 410. It is a small shell. They can get it on a shotgun. He wouldn't be out there with an assault rifle shooting deer. It is strictly a rabbit thing and is a small single shot 410 that he uses. It's a legal purpose. It is legally zoned to be able to hunt.

John Carr asked what color the storage container is.

Robert Helmer stated he doesn't have one (1) yet, but as far as color, there is a line of trees that abut the property now and he can leave them and paint the thing brown or camouflage. Security is a big problem and they even said that. They kind of put the thing into his mind that a lot of people are traveling up and down and people steal stuff. Well, in order for him to maintain his property he has to have equipment to do it and he can't just leave it sit out there because it would probably get stolen.

Ernie Schmidt made a motion to deny the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Robert Helmer for placement of a shipping container for storage. This property is located behind 10152 E. 500 S., Walkerton, IN., Lincoln Twp., zoned A on 5.32 acres.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Vern Schafer stated he doesn't like negative motions so he would move that they would grant the variance, but obviously he knows that on these shipping containers they have to be anchored and have to be on a footing.

Robert Helmer stated they have to be on a footing.

Vern Schafer stated yes, they do.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated to work with the Building Department and they will inspect it.

Vern Schafer stated he wants him to be aware of that. He isn't saying that they are necessarily going to pass this motion.

Vern Schafer made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Robert Helmer for placement of a shipping container for storage. The shipping container

must be aesthetically pleasing. This property is located behind 10152 E. 500 S., Walkerton, IN., Lincoln Twp., zoned A on 5.32 acres.

John Carr seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated nay.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated nay.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated nay.

Ashley Kazmucha stated that is no then.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated the petition failed. Good luck.

Rober Helmer stated he would like to say thank you to the Building Department. They made this process very nicely done.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated that is nice to hear. Thank you.

4. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Ivan W Singleton (owner) and Ivan M Singleton (buyer) to split a two (2) acre parcel off a land locked parent parcel and for construction of a home. Parcel will have access through an easement. This property is located at 784 E. 400 S., LaPorte, IN., Washington Twp., zoned A on 24.952 total acres. Parcels 46-11-30-200-007.000-066 & 46-11-30-200-023.000-066.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Ivan W. Singleton stated his address is 784 E. 400 S., LaPorte, IN.

Ivan M. Singleton stated his address is 55320 Suncrest Dr., New Carlisle, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they want to take two (2) acres off this giant chunk and it doesn't have any road frontage.

Ivan W. Singleton stated correct. They have twenty-five (25) acres. His son wants to build a house there. They have his first grandchild and another one (1) on the way and they want to raise them at the place where he was raised. So, they are looking at building a barndominium style home. They have been talking with the company Milmar.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she just learned that term tonight. Where has it been her whole life?

Ivan M. Singleton stated they're just more efficient to build house-wise anyway.

Deb Vance stated it is.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated that is what she is learning. How much road frontage is there up front?

Ivan W. Singleton stated there is thirty feet (30').

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated his house is there off the thirty-foot (30').

Ivan W. Singlton stated yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked where are they going to put the next house.

Ivan W. Singleton stated it would be to the east of the current house.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they will be kind of parallel with each other.

Ivan W. Singleton stated yes, it will be the front section of the property and to the east and the driveway will come up between them and then cut off and go to the left to his son.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if he is going to grant an easement. Is that the intent?

Ivan W. Singleton stated yes. At the end of the day, the property will go to his son or his brother. He doesn't plan to ever sell it.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what happens when one (1) of them want to sell it.

Ivan W. Singleton stated he will be dead and buried.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated that is what they have to deal with, not him. So, that is why they are asking all these questions.

No remonstrators present.

Vern Schafer stated the easement will be part of the title of the property.

Ivan W. Singleton stated correct.

Vern Schafer stated okay.

John Carr asked how soon before he would build a house on there.

Ivan M. Singleton stated basically, he would reach out to Milmar and get the process started and begin as soon as building permits got approved and then keep going.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how long they anticipate construction taking?

Ivan M. Singleton stated when he talked to them about a month ago asking general questions, he was told it would be about a thirteen to fourteen (13 - 14) month process for them to do all of it.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated so roughly a year.

Ernie Schmidt made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Ivan W Singleton (owner) and Ivan M Singleton (buyer) to split a two (2) acre parcel off a land locked parent parcel and for construction of a home. Parcel will have access through an easement. This property is located at 784 E. 400 S., LaPorte, IN., Washington Twp., zoned A on 24.952 total acres.

John Carr seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated nay.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

Approved. Motion carries 4-1.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated to make sure that they label both addresses at the street and make sure that their fire department knows where they are at. Thank you.

5. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Daniel B & Cathleen M Williams to operate an agricultural repair with sand blast cleaning. This property is located at 13998 S. 400 W., Hanna, IN., Hanna Twp., zoned R1B on 39 acres. Parcel 46-18-08-476-002.000-049.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Daniel Williams stated 116 E. Jersey St., Hanna, IN.

Daniel Williams approached the Board to hand them a site plan.

Daniel Williams stated that is the thirty-nine (39) acres adjoining his homesite with more homes along there and he is looking to put a building in towards the southwest corner of the property. It's about eight to nine hundred feet (800' - 900') off the road and he has measurements on the drawing.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated thank you.

Daniel Williams stated he is looking to possible putting a business up out in the field. He owns thirty-nine (39) acres there and he is looking to put it in the corner away from everybody. He is looking to put up a temporary shelter because they do agricultural cleaning, repairs, and sandblasting is part of it. It does create dust. So, anyhow, they are going to put up like a hoop building to do all the blasting inside.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if he was currently doing sand blasting.

Daniel Williams stated yes.

Melissa Mullin Mischke stated outside.

Daniel Williams stated they have stopped sandblasting on that property. They are going to put up a hoop building and blast inside that. He is trying to do it as far away from everybody as he possible can. That's really about it.

Remonstrance:

Doug Rosebaum stated his address is 13961 S. 400 W., Hanna, IN. He lives across the street from his property. A lot of them are concerned about air pollution, noise pollution, dust, debris, anything that can contaminate their water or have a negative impact on plants, animals and soil contamination from heavy metals or other toxic substances which can make their land unsuitable for agricultural use. The USDA has done a study that has proven it can destroy up to the thirtysix percent (36%) of the yields of the crop. Water pollution. Contaminants from the sandblasting that may not be contained. The erosion and surface damage of vehicles at homes nearby. The open blasting he has done already has coated the fronts of their homes. Respiratory issues, dust, hearing loss are possible. He doesn't know if Black Beauty coal slag is the possible medium that they are using in their sand blasting, but it irritates the respiratory system, skin, eyes, and may cause inflammation, pulmonary fibrosis, and lung issues. OSHA mandates protective measures that are taken with that product from nausea and vomiting. Beryllium and Cadmium are carcinogens in the coal slag. Even at trace level, Beryllium can be harmful and cause heart failure. Sand blasting near crops can open up wounds, allow pathogens into plants, and kill the plants. The Clear Air Act protects the health and sensitivity of populations such as them. They are all on well water out there. It protects asthmatic people, children, the elderly, and provides secondary standard protections for damage of animals, crops, vegetation, and buildings. Particulate matter in the air can also cause health problems. The lead can get into the air and soil. On his cover sheet, he knows it says agricultural cleaning, but they can't just add the agricultural repair work to this variance sheet when clearly, if they look at their website and Facebook page, it says they are an industrial painting and sandblasting business. Thank you.

Thomas Thate stated his address is 13977 S. 400 W., Hanna, IN. He is directly across from the property which the building is to be built. His complaint is more for aesthetics. The other neighbor has done the research on the health issues. His particular house was built in 1956. That is when picture windows were a big thing. He has the biggest picture window in the house at six feet by twelve feet (6' x 12') and he looks directly at an eye sore now. They have done work out there before. They put a temporary parking lot up. They got a dirt cross track out there. They have stored a lot of junk out there recently. Now it has kind of been moved since this has all started. He says he is trying to move further away from people, but he has actually moved closer to him at this point. He has his business now on Jersey Street which he does his sandblasting and stuff over there. He is not even sure if that is zoned to do that where he is at in the residential area that that is, but they can hear the noise on a continuous basis almost every day. He knows that when Daniel Williams came by and stopped by his house and talked about planting trees and so forth to cover this up, but they all know it takes ten-fifteen-twenty (10 - 15 - 20) years for trees to mature and by then he will be dead and gone, but still looking at that eye sore. That is his biggest complaint. He is also in agreement with Mr. Rosebaum. He hopes they deny this variance at this point.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what is in the corner of the property. Is that for four-wheelers?

Daniel Williams stated yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they don't want to move that in order to put it further away from people.

Daniel Williams stated it would be a couple two or three hundred feet (200' - 300'); he could. He will do whatever he has to. As far as the open blasting, that is why he is putting up a building.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he is putting up a hoop structure.

Daniel Williams stated it will be a hoop structure because of the amount to build a building right now. He needs something that he can do inside that he can afford to do now and build it up for the future. As far as the website with the industrial coatings, that was his son's doing and they go out of the town to do that stuff. They go to Milestone Concrete and do stuff for them. This is a shop. He has been doing stuff for twenty-five (25) years there.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he does sand blasting on Jersey Street.

Daniel Williams stated yes by his barn in the back. Again, for over twenty-five (25) years he has done work for virtually all of his neighbors. Businesses like Rice Farms, Matt Welsh with Welshco. He doesn't want to name names, but he has done work for quite a few people.

Vern Schafer stated he knows he is doing sand blasting. The painting and stuff he will not be doing on this site. Is that what he is saying?

Daniel Williams stated if they have to do any painting, everything will be inside and filtered.

Vern Schafer stated obviously it is going to be difficult to sand blast the same building that they are painting.

Daniel Williams stated they would divide and put a divider wall inside. Then they have the filtered building to do all their dust and once it reclaims then they can clean up and paint.

Vern Schafer stated it is his understanding that if there is a building involved, they would prefer to sand blast inside of a building. The hoop structure that he has presented to them is what size?

Daniel Williams stated it will be a forty-two by eighty (42' x 80').

Vern Schafer asked what the scope of his business intentions are for the future.

Daniel Williams stated the intention is to use this as a home site, not necessarily for business. Their business would be to grow into going to Citgo Refinery and stuff like that. They just need to have a base somewhere and right now they are using this to build it to get started. They literally just started two (2) years ago. They are just trying to build a business in order for his son to continue.

Vern Schafer stated his question is, how far do they see it growing as far as the business.

Daniel Williams stated it could grow. It could be fifty (50) years. So, they would have time for the trees to grow. There's thirty-nine (39) acres and he did try to get away from everybody as best he could.

Vern Schafer stated he has visited the site around there. What currently is on that thirty-nine (39) acres?

Daniel Williams stated alfalfa. It's a hay field. Then the dirt track. He had talked to the two (2) that had remonstrated against and he told them that the dirt is getting a lot of dust when there were four-wheelers and dirt bikes and the dust was immense then. They told him that they liked watching them. Then as far as the other, he complains about putting a building up, but he shouldn't have to not be able to pursue some sort of a building on his property if he chose to and everybody does landscaping.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she is definitely concerned about the health aspects. He doesn't live there, correct?

Daniel Williams stated yes, he lives just to the north right there.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he is going to have a hoop building so what kind of material is on top of that.

Daniel Williams stated on top of the building.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated yes. Is it plastic?

Daniel Williams stated it is a PVC covered building with a galvanized structure.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated there is still an opportunity for contaminants to be leaked or punctured.

Daniel Williams stated they are made for that purpose. If they look into them, they also do agricultural. They are for storing salt. They are used for a lot of different purposes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated okay.

Ernie Schmidt asked what hours he is planning on doing.

Daniel Williams stated seven (7 a.m.) to probably five (5 p.m.) or six (6 p.m.). Some in the morning until five (5 p.m.) or six (6 p.m.) Monday through Friday.

Ernie Schmidt stated what about the equipment repair.

Daniel Williams stated that same thing. They will work on during the week as a regular business. He might do stuff on the weekend inside whether it is replacing bearings or seals and stuff like that, but the actual business intent is Monday through Friday.

John Carr asked if he is currently doing everything outside.

Daniel Williams stated yes.

John Carr stated right now.

Daniel Williams stated the sand blasting and then painting inside. Any mechanics are being done inside. He has A-frames to lift equipment and so forth. It's not all the time or sand blasting all the time like they are saying. He does do it. He is sure if it offends them nobody has ever come to his house and asked him one (1) time not to in twenty-five (25) years that he has been doing it. Noone has ever come and asked anything. Bill Garner used to live right next door to him and he had no problems with anything. He just doesn't know. He is doing what he can.

Vern Schafer stated he can appreciate the fact that he is trying to stay away from residents on this thing. The building site on the map here is how far from the road?

Daniel Williams stated eight hundred feet (800').

Vern Schafer stated it is quite a way back off the road. Obviously, he is talking about putting up a structure to do this inside.

Daniel Williams stated he has a future structure if they want to see the drawings for that. He just can't afford that right now, so the hoop building is what he would do to sand blast in for now. If they would like to see the building he has drawings for it. Matt Welsh drew them up for him.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she thinks they are okay with what he presented.

Deb Vance asked if he is confident with this particular hoop building that it is going to be sufficient.

Daniel William stated absolutely.

Deb Vance stated he said it is made for this.

Daniel William stated yes, it is made for this.

Deb Vance asked if there is something in place that will help with that.

Daniel Williams stated inside of it they put a ten by ten (10' x 10') structure with a fan and filter materials. It will suck in, filter, and blow out through all inside of the building.

Deb Vance stated that would help.

Daniel Williams stated yes, nothing will go outside the building once it is in place.

John Carr asked if he is going to have a septic with the building.

Daniel Williams stated he doesn't plan on it right now, but if he does, he will follow the right procedures to get a septic. Hanna is all sand so he is sure it would pass, but he is not putting a septic out right now.

Vern Schafer made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Daniel B & Cathleen M Williams to operate an agricultural repair with sand blast cleaning. The hoop building must go in place before any sand blasting occurs. Hours of Operations would be 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. This property is located at 13998 S. 400 W., Hanna, IN., Hanna Twp., zoned R1B on 39 acres.

Deb Vance seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated nay.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated nay.

John Carr stated nay.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

Denied. Motion fails 2-3.

6. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Carol Lynn Satoski Life Estate, Sharon Youngreen & Jacqueline M Bailey Trust for placement of a mobile home to care for the elderly grandmother. This property is located at 7505 S. 800 W., Westville, IN., Clinton Twp., zoned A on 179 acres. Parcel 46-13-11-100-010.000-044.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Brandon Youngreen stated his address is 110 Indiana St., LaCrosse, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if the mobile home is there currently.

Brandon Youngreen stated it is not.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked if he knows what year the proposed one (1) is.

Brandon Youngreen stated they have been looking. They haven't found one (1) yet because they haven't been through the approval process yet.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated so they haven't even looked.

Brandon Youngreen stated no, not yet.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they are going to put Grandma in there.

Brandon Youngreen stated no. They are going to be in there while Grandma stays in the house. They are going to be there to take care of her with lifting, yard clean up, and stuff like that. She is getting older and she is getting ready to have a knee replacement this summer and they want to make sure they are there to give her the best care possible.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how old is grandma.

Brandon Youngreen stated eighty-two (82).

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated oh, okay. It is her first hip replacement?

Brandon Youngreen stated knee replacement. It is her first knee and she is going to get the next one (1) done the next year. She just had her shoulder done last summer. They just want to make sure that they are there to give her the care that she needs.

No remonstrators present.

Vern Schafer asked if Brandon would be the one (1) living there.

Brandon Youngreen stated yes.

Vern Schafer stated this property would not be deeded off the farm, they are just going to move the mobile home onto that property to take care of grandma while she is there.

Brandon Youngreen stated yes sir.

Vern Schafer asked what his plans are for after his grandma is no longer with them.

Brandon Youngreen stated they haven't really thought that far ahead. They are just trying to take things one (1) step at a time and try not to think like that obviously, but the plan would obviously be whatever Mom and her sister decide to do with the property and they would obviously go from there.

Vern Schafer stated the reason he asks that is because the mobile home they wouldn't want to become a permanent residence. He has been passed the property and it is very well kept by the way. The home there is a farm home and that's where Grandma lives and he understands what the situation is. He just wants to encourage the fact that if the need for the trailer is no longer needed, he doesn't want it to become a rental property in the future.

Brandon Youngreen stated it would not be a rental property. His Mom and her sister would never allow that and Grandma would not like it either. It would be removed from the property as soon as possible if anything were to ever happen.

Vern Schafer stated okay.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they can include that in a motion if necessary.

Ernie Schmidt asked if they would consider putting in a small double wide?

Brandon Youngreen stated they don't really have the funds for that. They were just looking for something cheap to get over there to help her while she is there needing their help.

John Carr asked if there is a septic on site from a previous mobile home.

Brandon Youngreen stated yes sir. If he can bring a picture to them, he can show how it sat before.

Brandon Youngreen approached the Board to show them an older aerial photo of the farm with a mobile home.

Brandon Youngreen stated it was there and the septic is located near it and the leech field is probably about eighty-foot (80') long on that.

John Carr asked if they plan on putting it on the same site then?

Brandon Youngreen stated yes sir, same place.

Deb Vance stated putting that there, they will make sure that is all up to code and everything is working.

Brandon Youngreen stated yes, absolutely. He spoke to the Health Department already and they said the most that they would have them do is put in maybe a thousand (1,000) gallon tank, but they haven't been out there to inspect it yet. There is already a thousand (1,000) gallon tank there so basically it would probably just be a replacement of that tank if it is crumbling or not in very good shape.

Deb Vance stated thank you.

Vern Schafer made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Carol Lynn Satoski Life Estate, Sharon Youngreen & Jacqueline M Bailey Trust for placement of a mobile home to care for the elderly grandmother. When the need is over, the mobile home is to be removed and not be used as a rental. This property is located at 7505 S. 800 W., Westville, IN., Clinton Twp., zoned A on 179 acres.

Deb Vance seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated aye.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

All Approved. Motion carries 5-0.

7. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Alexandra Tang for construction of a home with 5' side setbacks instead of the 10' minimum required. This property is located at 131 Judson Rd., LaPorte, IN., Center Twp., zoned R1B. Parcel 46-06-22-376-002.000-042.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they did get some positive remonstrance for this petition. If anybody wants to look at that, they can see that at the Building Department.

Alexandra Tang stated her address is 131 Judson Rd., LaPorte, IN.

Jason Barnes stated his address is 131 Judson Rd., LaPorte, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what the need is that they have to move closer than ten feet (10').

Jason Barnes stated his name is Jason, he and Alex are married. He was born and raised in LaPorte County. He has lived here his whole life and to get Alex to move out here they landed on Pine Lake about three (3) years ago and she absolutely loves it. They acquired the home. Since time has passed, they bought it knowing it needed a lot of work. Her parents wanted to come up for an in-law suite and spend the summer with them so the house doesn't fit to that. Also, it has some of the most treacherous farm house stairs possible that are absolutely not safe. So, it is only a fifty-foot (50') wide lot and then they are also compressed by the bluff in the front. So, they end up with a little bit of a cramped space. So, if they stick to the standard tenfoot (10') they end up with a thirty-foot (30') wide home on the lake and when putting an in-law suite on the main level, her parents, who her father is seventy-six (76) they can't maintain on the main level with a thirty-foot (30') wide house. It would end up with a very small living room and kitchen space. To think ahead to the main things that they want to do, currently the house is kind of down in a ditch so they are going to build that up and then also run two (2) main drain lines on both sides of the property to take the water that is currently washing away the foundation that is there, as well as their neighbor to the right has the same issues as they do, and send the water down to the bottom of the bluff to avoid future erosion problems and go from there.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she was on board right until he said send the water down the bluff.

Jason Barnes stated they are going to take ten-inch (10") drain lines and send it down because they have a large area down at the bottom of the bluff so they would take all of their rain water that comes from the road down on to the property and put it down there by their parking area down at the bottom.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated so it will still be on their property.

Jason Barnes stated yes, it is still on their property.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated okay. Very good.

Jason Barnes stated they won't be bleeding over to the neighbors.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he had her panicked there for a minute.

Vern Schafer asked if it will also be catching their roof drainage.

Jason Barnes stated yes. All the roof drains and everything would go into it. If they drove by the property, water is their enemy, especially given that whole road hits them and the one (1) neighbor next to them.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated they definitely want to keep it out of Pine Lake as well.

Jason Barnes stated yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated okay. They are going to redo the whole thing, right? That's the idea?

Jason Barnes stated yes.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked Alexandra where she is from.

Alexandra Tang stated she moved here from Florida.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she's sorry.

Vern Schafer asked why would anybody want to move to LaPorte from Florida.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated we don't have gators.

Jason Barnes stated he's right here.

Vern Schafer stated for you, right.

Jason Barnes stated that's why.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she's sorry.

No remonstrators present.

Ernie Schmidt asked if the foundation lines are going to be five-feet (5') from the property lines.

Jason Barnes stated yes.

Ernie Schmidt asked what they are doing for the porch overhang and stuff.

Jason Barnes stated there will be no porch on the east and west side. There will be no porch. That is just straight walls.

Ernie Schmidt asked about the south and the north side.

Jason Barnes stated the north side will just be parking and then the south which faces the lake will be a very large deck which they own all the way down to the lake so they have no issues going that way.

Ernie Schmidt stated he is off a quarter turn on his directions. Stiller is north of him.

Jason Barnes stated with the bend at the lake he is not really sure. Stiller is to his left so north – northwest or however it is. So, to the east side, the lake side will be the deck.

Ernie Schmidt stated that is where it will drain down the bank.

Jason Barnes stated yes sir. Then the north and south side which would be Stiller and Jan, that would be straight house; no decks or balconies off those sides. Just purely on the east side.

Ernie Schmidt stated okay, thank you.

John Carr made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Alexandra Tang for construction of a home with 5' side setbacks instead of the 10' minimum required. This property is located at 131 Judson Rd., LaPorte, IN., Center Twp., zoned R1B.

Deb Vance seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated nay.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

Approved. Motion carries 4-1.

Jason Barnes stated thank you much. Also, he agrees with Mr. Helmer; the Building Department is very, very helpful.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated wonderful. Good to hear.

Attorney Biege stated Mike Polan must have been really nice.

Ashley Kazmucha stated no, it's her. Don't give him her credit.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she feels like somebody slipped him a twenty (\$20).

Jason Barnes stated Ashley has been great.

Vern Schafer stated to enjoy their summers up here.

Alexandra Tang stated thank you.

8. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Stephen P Murphy and Stephen P Murphy Jr. Jtwros for placement of a shipping container approximately 8' x 40'. This property is located at 2716 E. State Road 2, Rolling Prairie, IN., Kankakee Twp., zoned R1B on 1 acre. Parcel 46-07-21-400-002.000-052.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Stephen Murphy stated his address is 2716 E. State Road 2, Rolling Prairie, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked him what he is going to use the shipping container for.

Stephen Murphy stated he has a fairly large family and they like to get together a lot and his garage is full of all kinds of stuff. He has two (2) zero turn lawn mowers, golf carts, a tractor mower, plus other stuff in the garage and he wants to use it mainly for what it is which is for storage to put his stuff in. So, at Easter time, Fourth of July, Thanksgiving and birthdays, his son actually got married in their garage, and he wants to be able to clean the stuff out and put it in the container. Build shelves in it and put it in there not just pack it in there full of junk. He is not a hoarder; he doesn't keep a lot of junk. It if isn't any good then it will be gotten rid of. That is what he wants it for so it can be organized in there and if he wants something he knows right where it is to go get it. That way his other building is cleaned out better so they won't have thirty (30) plus people plus the kids all running in and out of the house and everything else. It works out really nice.

No remonstrators present.

Vern Schafer stated one (1) of the things he noticed looking on the Beacon map and he hasn't visited the site, but he is storing things on property that is adjacent to his. It's not really his property. It belongs to another party; the agricultural field next to him. The way the property lines are drawn on the Beacon map, is that he is kind of spilling over already on to the neighbor.

Stephen Murphy stated no. The picture of that map that they took of his residence is way off from where the property lines actually are. He doesn't know if they can see the fence there or not, but from the fence line itself, which the fence is on his property by about a foot or so, it's almost thirty feet (30') from that side line to the back of his garage.

Vern Schafer stated he is saying the Beacon map is wrong from the stake survey that he has.

Stephen Murphy asked if he could approach and look.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated the Beacon website is really just a representation of what is there.

Board deliberates with Stephen Murphy about the Beacon aerial.

Stephen Murphy stated the picture makes it look like it is real close when it is really not. It's probably a good thirty-five to forty feet (35'-40') from the property line to the garage. It is way different. He drew a map for the ladies that came out and the gentleman and he gave it to them.

Vern Schafer stated they have it. He had his son-in-law draw it, but it shows where it will go with how far from the line.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked him to head back to the podium so they can get him on the mic.

Stephen Murphy stated he will slowly.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated slow is perfect. They just want to make sure they get him on the record.

Michael Polan stated he would tend to agree with the Petitioner. He thinks Beacon is off on this one (1).

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated she agrees as well.

Stephen Murphy stated as far as the color of the container, he has not looked into it. He did somewhat look into it, but when he does get it, it will be white. He doesn't care what color it comes; it is going to be white. He doesn't want an off colored something stupid sitting there. No. He will paint it white so it blends in and looks like it is supposed to be.

Ernie Schmidt made a motion to deny the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Stephen P Murphy and Stephen P Murphy Jr. Jtwros for placement of a shipping container approximately 8' x 40'. This property is located at 2716 E. State Road 2, Rolling Prairie, IN., Kankakee Twp., zoned R1B on 1 acre.

Vern Schafer seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll and stated say aye to deny.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated aye.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

All Denied. Motion carries 5-0.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated unfortunately, the petition did not pass.

Stephen Murphy asked if he could ask why? What is the problem?

Attorney Biege stated sir, on the record, they do not discuss the why's after the fact. Once the vote is taken, procedurally they are done with the petition.

Stephen Murphy stated there is nothing else he can do?

Attorney Biege stated he can talk to a lawyer about a possible appeal.

Stephen Murphy stated do what, he's sorry.

Attorney Biege stated he can talk to a lawyer about a possible appeal.

Stephen Murphy stated appeal.

Michael Polan stated or he can re-file a petition in one (1) year or he can come up with something different.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated like an actual structure.

Stephen Murphy stated he doesn't understand why. He doesn't understand why. He was going to make it look nice. He was going to paint it white.

Attorney Biege stated they are done. They have other petitions to hear.

9. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Michael R and Cassandra Koselke for construction of a pole barn in front of and to the side of the home instead of 10' behind the home. This property is located at 4087 E. Rolling Dr., Rolling Prairie, IN., Kankakee Twp., zoned R1A. Parcel 46-07-11-102-004.000-052.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Michael Koselke stated his address is 4087 E. Rolling Dr., Rolling Prairie, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how much acreage he has there.

Michael Koselke stated he does not know what that is. It's a lot and a half. He would say about three-quarter-ish or maybe a little bigger. It's the biggest lot back there so whatever the square footage figures up at.

The lot in question is approximately 0.58 acres.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked what is unique to his property that they need to build his pole barn in front of and to the side of his home.

Michael Koselke stated the way the lots are laid out, he has a walk out basement so on the east side of the home which would be the half lot is like a three to four-foot (3'-4') drop off. So, he has roughly like the middle of the house to the road; after that it drops about three feet (3') so that would be a considerable drop off. So, in order to construct a garage, it would cost him a fortune to put a foundation in.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he doesn't want a walk out garage too.

Michael Koselke stated no. He already has one (1) in the back.

John Carr asked if he is going to tie into any septic with it.

Michael Koselke stated no. Nope. It's just going to be a garage. Just electric will be the only thing. No water. He will be close enough to the house that it's not that big of a deal.

No remonstrators present.

Michael Polan stated they did receive written remonstrance on this one (1).

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated thank you; she forgot. Is it in favor or against.

Vern Schafer stated against.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated so it is against the petition and if anybody wants to read it, they can find a copy of it in the Building Commissioners Office.

Michael Koselke asked if he can ask who it was. He knows who it was, never mind. He knows who it was. He has no room to talk.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated yea, this is when the neighbors come out, right.

Michael Koselke stated yea, he could show them pictures of what he gets to look at every day, but he understands.

Ernie Schmidt asked if there is a reason that he doesn't want to keep his building in line with the front of the garage and house like the rest of the subdivision designed their buildings.

Michael Koselke stated it would be just for the initial cost factor. If he has to go back, then he has to put in footers, eight-foot (8') walls, and then fill it and then build his building on top of it. Basically, it is the ease of where he wants to put it. It's the easiest place for him to put it.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated it's about his ridgeline where it starts to drop off.

Michael Koselke stated right. He is about three (3') off that drop off and he doesn't want to push it back too much further just for stability of the building.

Ernie Schmidt asked if there is room to change the size of the building and extend it towards his property line.

Michael Koselke stated actually, he is going to narrow it up. After he staked it out, it looks way too big. He wants to keep everything looking nice, so he had it at forty-feet (40') but he is thinking they are going to go about thirty-two (32'). That will give him twenty feet (20') on the side and sixteen (16') in between the garage and the house. So, they will keep everything kind of symmetrical as far as that goes. It's just towards the road that is getting him into trouble. He could probably make it less deep, but then that would defeat the purpose of what he needs. He could take a couple feet off and bring it back. That would put him about eight feet (8') in front of that little wing on the west side of the house. They have a picture or what he drew, correct?

Ernie Schmidt stated his drawing shows ten feet (10') in front of the home.

Michael Koselke stated roughly. Well, in front of the wing on the front of the house. He is actually farther than that in front of the garage. The house is actually "L" shaped so he is going off the farthest point towards the road which would be the "L" part. Is he following him?

Ernie Schmidt stated yes.

Michael Koselke stated that is the point he is trying to make his measurement off of. He doesn't know exactly what it is, but it would probably be about ten feet (10') he is guessing somewhere in there.

Ernie Schmidt asked if he can get the square footage he wants if he made his garage not as deep to the north and to the south and make it more to the east.

Michael Koselke stated he can't go any farther to the north because of the drop off in the back. He wants to give himself some solid ground there. If he has to, he will make it less deep. Thirty feet (30') is just a nice round number; he can get a vehicle in there and he will have room in front of it to work basically. That would be his tinkering shop is what it is going to be.

Ernie Schmidt asked if he can gain the square footage if he went more to the east for his tinkering.

Michael Koselke stated he could, but he wants to leave him enough room to get into the back yard. That's why he left that twenty feet (20') to the east. That will give him plenty of room to get into the back yard. If he takes anything off it will be that side towards the house which he probably will do; he will take eight feet (8') off of that. So, that will all look fairly symmetrical across. He wants to make it look nice; it is a subdivision.

Deb Vance asked if the barn will look similar to the home.

Michael Koselke stated yes. Actually, if he brought his phone with him, he had a picture. It is going to be a tan and a burgundy so it will match. The roof of the house is kind of a grayish red, red brick on the front, and then it has the tan siding so it should match pretty well. It's not going to be some just no overhangs or anything like that. It will have overhands. It'll look nice. The roof line will follow the house.

Ernie Schmidt stated he is trying to get this in his mind so the future garage isn't going to stick out farther than what his neighbors' house is for visibility getting in and out of the garage out of their driveways.

Michael Koselke stated right. He has cut down trees. Two (2) of the big trees had to come down anyway. Can he approach him and show him?

Ernie Schmidt stated yes, he doesn't care.

Michael Koselke approaches the board to indicate on the map.

Michael Koselke stated okay, this tree was removed and that tree was removed. Basically, it will sit right about there.

Vern Schafer stated it is in front of his house by about ten feet (10').

Michael Koselke stated he would say ten feet (10') off of the mark there.

Vern Schafer asked how far off of the right-of-way is he.

Michael Koselke stated what did he have off the road. Did he have thirty feet (30)? He thinks he did.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated he did.

Vern Schafer stated that is off the edge not off the center, correct.

Michael Koselke stated off the edge, not off the center.

Ernie Schmidt stated thank you.

Vern Schafer stated obviously the question here is most of the time they don't allow buildings to stick out further towards the road than the house, correct.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated yes.

Vern Schafer stated they like them to be behind or even with the house.

Michael Polan stated that is correct. In this case, this is why he is applying for the variance and the reason is because of the grade elevation differential that exists to put it where the code calls for it to be.

John Carr stated otherwise, he would move it back ten feet (10')

John Carr made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Michael R and Cassandra Koselke for construction of a pole barn in front of and to the side of the home instead of 10' behind the home. This property is located at 4087 E. Rolling Dr., Rolling Prairie, IN., Kankakee Twp., zoned R1A.

Deb Vance seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated aye.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated nay.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

Approved. Motion carries 4-1.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated good luck; his motion passed.

Michael Koselke stated thank you very much.

10. Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Matthew M Boehnlein for construction of a garage before the primary home. This property is located at 5606 W. Vintage Hills Trl., LaPorte, IN., Center Twp., zoned R1B. Parcel 46-06-07-300-034.000-042.

Attorney Biege stated notice is adequate.

Matthew Boehnlein stated his address is 7627 N. Elder Ln., New Carlisle, IN.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked about the structure he wants to build.

Matthew Boehnlein stated right now the plans are for twenty wide by twenty-four deep (20' x 24') garage in back of the house before building the house so he can move his construction materials and tools to the house. He used to be in the trade. He sold his trailer in 2015 and has no way of keeping the tools, scaffolding, ladders, miscellaneous, and the building supplies that he

gathers like cabinetry and other deals he gets he wants to get them ahead of time and tile and store it in that. In the future, it would be used for storing of a tractor to remove snow and that would be his second garage. His primary garage will be attached to the house on the east side of the home.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how long before he anticipates starting construction on the home.

Matthew Boehnlein stated it would be either in the fall or next spring.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked how long does he anticipate it taking for the structure to be built.

Matthew Boehnlein stated the garage or the home.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated the garage. From now until the fall?

Matthew Boehnlein stated realistically, four (4) months because he isn't going to take any time off of work.

No remonstrators present.

Ernie Schmidt stated he has good drainage to the south. He has good sand for building. He thinks he picked a good lot.

Matthew Boehnlein stated thank you.

John Carr made a motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Matthew M Boehnlein for construction of a garage before the primary home. This property is located at 5606 W. Vintage Hills Trl., LaPorte, IN., Center Twp., zoned R1B.

Deb Vance seconded.

Vern Schafer asked if they can put something in there about when the construction on the primary home would start. Within twelve (12) months. Would that be doable for him?

Matthew Boehnlein stated eighteen (18) because the garage would be put up this year.

Vern Schafer stated so eighteen (18) months from this point.

Matthew Boehnlein stated yes.

Vern Schafer stated he thinks they should add that. The construction should start on the home within eighteen (18) months.

John Carr amended his motion to approve the Petition for Variance of Developmental Standards for Matthew M Boehnlein for construction of a garage before the primary home. Construction of

the primary home must begin within eighteen (18) months. This property is located at 5606 W. Vintage Hills Trl., LaPorte, IN., Center Twp., zoned R1B.

Deb Vance seconded.

Ashley Kazmucha read the roll.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated aye.

Deb Vance stated aye.

Ernie Schmidt stated aye.

John Carr stated aye.

Vern Schafer stated aye.

All Approve. Motion carries 5-0.

Melissa Mullins Mischke stated congratulations. Good luck.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for any old business.

Melissa Mullins Mischke asked for any new business.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

Melissa Mullins Mischke, President

Michael Polan, Recording Secretary