



<b>City of La Porte Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at 6:00 PM</b>	
<b>City Hall Council Chambers, 801 Michigan Ave.</b>	
<a href="http://www.cityoflaporte.com">www.cityoflaporte.com</a>	<b>(219) 362-8260</b>

A meeting of the City of La Porte Board of Zoning Appeals (“BZA”), was held at City Hall on Tuesday, June 27, 2023 at the hour of 6:00 PM, (“local time”), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Commission and the Indiana Open Door Law.

ITEM 1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Pete Saunders at 6:00 PM.

ITEM 2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum

On a call of the roll, the members of the BZA were shown to be present or absent as follows:

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff Present:</b>
Pete Saunders, Chair	Drew Buchanan	Mark Worthley, BZA Attorney
Vickie Gushrowski		David Heinold, City Planner
Brian Kajer		
Mark Danielson		

ITEM 3. Approval of Minutes: May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Chair Pete Saunders called for any changes or corrections to the May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes. There being no changes or corrections to the meeting minutes, Vickie Gushrowski made a motion to **approve the May 9, 2023 Meeting Minutes** and the motion was seconded by Mark Danielson. The motion passed 4-0.

ITEM 4. **VARIANCE OF DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS #23-10 PETITION: To Allow Six (6) Foot Tall Privacy Fence in the Side Yard Setback Area Adjacent to the side-street property line along Bradley Court**

**Applicant:** Steven Burnett  
**Property Owner:** Steven and Janine Burnett  
**Address:** 310 East Jefferson Avenue  
**Staff Report:** David Heinold

**Applicant Presentation**

Chair Pete Saunders called for the petitioner to present the variance petition.

Steven Burnett, 310 East Jefferson Avenue, identified himself as the petitioner and described the request to allow the construction of a privacy fence in the front yard along Bradley Court.

Chair Saunders asked the petitioner if the purpose of the privacy fence is to protect the view from neighboring properties. Mr. Burnett confirmed that the purpose of the proposed privacy fence is to block the view of neighboring properties from the subject property.

### **Staff Presentation**

Chair Saunders called for a staff report presentation.

David Heinold, Assistant City Planner, presented the staff report and recommendation for the variance of development standards petition.

### **Public Comment**

Chair Saunders opened the meeting to public comment and called for public comments either for or against the variance petition.

Maria Amor, 318 East Jefferson Avenue, spoke in remonstrance to the variance petition and mentioned that the subject property is being used for commercial storage of building materials that is not allowed in residential areas. She continued to mention that the petitioner doesn't live at the property.

Chair Saunders called for additional public comment. There being no further public comment, Chair Saunders closed the floor to public comment.

### **Applicant Response**

Mr. Burnett confirmed that he does live at the property and receives the homestead tax exemption.

### **Board Discussion/Action**

Vickie Gushrowski made a motion to **deny Variance of Development Standards #23-10 Petition** based on the zoning ordinance and the motion was seconded by Mark Danielson. The motion to **deny** passed 4-0.

### **Variance of Development Standards #23-10 Petition – Denied**

ITEM 5. Old Business

There was no old business.

ITEM 6. New Business

There was no new business.

ITEM 7. Other Business

A. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Maria Amor requested follow-up with Code Enforcement on commercial storage at 310 East Jefferson Avenue. City Staff encouraged Maria to contact Code Enforcement about this subject since this was an agenda item.

ITEM 8. Adjournment

Vickie Gushrowski made a motion to **adjourn** and the motion was seconded by Mark Danielson. The motion to **adjourn** passed 4-0. The meeting was **adjourned** at 6:32 pm.

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Pete Saunders, Chair

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David Heinold, Secretary