

CITY OF PORTAGE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Minutes of Meeting – August 12, 2013

The City of Portage Zoning Board of Appeals meeting was called to order by Lowell Seyburn at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Twelve people were in the audience.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Rhodus, Jeffrey Bright, Lowell Seyburn, Tim Bunch, and Michael Robbe.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Glenn Smith, Mariana Singer, James White

IN ATTENDANCE: Jeff Mais, Zoning & Codes Administrator and Charles Bear, Assistant City Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Robbe moved and Bunch seconded a motion to approve the July 8, 2013 minutes as submitted. Upon voice vote, motion was approved 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

ZBA #13-1, 9136 Shaver Road: Chair Seyburn advised the applicant that because a full Board was not present the applicant had the option to either proceed with only five voting members present or request the matter be postponed to the September 9, 2013 hearing date in hopes that more Board members would be present. The applicant stated they request postponement. A motion was made by Bright, seconded by Robbe to postpone the item until the September 9, 2013 meeting. Upon voice vote motion passed 5-0.

ZBA #13-2, 665 Mall Drive: Chair Seyburn advised the applicant that because a full Board was not present the applicant had the option to either proceed with only five voting members present or request the matter be postponed to the September 9, 2013 hearing date in hopes that more Board members would be present. The applicant stated they request postponement. A motion was made by Bunch, seconded by Robbe to postpone the item until the September 9, 2013 meeting. Upon voice vote motion passed 5-0.

ZBA #13-3, 9033 West End Drive: Chair Seyburn advised the applicant that because a full Board was not present the applicant had the option to either proceed with only five voting members present or request the matter be postponed to the September 9, 2013 hearing date in hopes that more Board members would be present. The applicant stated they request postponement. A motion was made by Bright, seconded by Rhodus to postpone the item until the September 9, 2013 meeting. Upon voice vote motion passed 5-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

STATEMENT OF CITIZENS:

Ed Stiller, owner of 9126 Shaver Road, stated he may not be in town to attend the next meeting and wanted to go on record to say that the owner of 9136 Shaver Road denied him the use of his access driveway on the south side of his property, and that there was not a large change in elevation between 9126 Shaver Road and 9136 Shaver Road, and that he did not think the Board should grant variance #13-1.

Josh Weiner stated he looked forward to getting a new tenant for the long vacant property at 665 Mall Drive. Mr. Weiner stated he hoped that because they have revised some of their application materials, city staff would provide a positive recommendation next month.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Mais
Zoning & Codes Administrator