



Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals

Marv Brickner
 Commissioner Appt
 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027

Jim Clarida
 Council Appt
 1/1/2025 - 12/31/2028

Bob Gilliana
 Plan Commission
 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2026

Debbie Kerr-Cook President
 Commissioner Appt
 1/1/2024 - 12/31/2027

Pam Mishler-Fish
 Commissioner Appt
 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2029

The regular meeting for the Porter County Board of Zoning Appeals will be heard on Wednesday, the 18th of March 2026, at 5:30 p.m., in the Porter County Administrative Center, 155 Indiana Avenue, Suite 205, Valparaiso, Indiana.

AGENDA

A. Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes – July 16, August 20, September 17, October 15, and November 19, 2025

C. Correspondence

D. Old Business:

Case: UV-21-0013

Applicant: Adam & Kate Brown
 Location: 780 N. Graham Lake Drive, Chesterton, IN 46304 (Westchester Township)
 Zoning: R1, Low Density Single-family Residential District
 Acres: 5
 Request: Motion to Deny, petitioner is no longer in need for the Use Variance to allow a private commissary kitchen in an existing structure.

Case: UV-2026-4

Applicant: Darrell Sowles
 Location: 242 West 900 East, Hebron, IN 46341 (Boone Township)
 Zoning: A1, General Agriculture District
 Acres: 6.5
 Request: Seeking to continue the Use Variance permitting the operation of a well drilling business with outside storage.

Case: UV-2026-5

Applicant: Carl & Angela Buergler
 Location: 165 West 500 North, Valparaiso, IN 46385 (Center Township)
 Zoning: R2, Medium Density Single-family Residential District
 Acres: 23
 Request: Seeking to continue the Use Variance permitting a small business (out of an existing accessory structure) that focuses on softball/baseball skills.

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E. New Business:

Case: UV-2026-6

Applicant: James Walker
Location: 413 E. Archer Way, Valparaiso, IN 46383 (Washington Township)
Zoning: I2, General Industrial District
Acres: 4.39
Request: Seeking to renew the Use Variance permitting the retail sales of radio-controlled hobby items and outside radio-controlled car track.

Case: UV-2026-8

Applicant: Michael Bishop
Location: 27 South 100 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385 (Morgan Township)
Zoning: R1, Low Density Single-family Residential District
Acres: 9.09
Request: To allow the operation of a kennel.

Case: DV-2026-9

Applicant: Michael Bishop
Location: 27 South 100 West, Valparaiso, IN 46385 (Morgan Township)
Zoning: R1, Low Density Single-family Residential District
Acres: 9.09
Request: To allow a six (6) foot fence in the front yard.

Any other matters that may come properly before the board.

Kristy Marasco
Planning & Zoning Manager