

# **Portage County Board of Building Appeals**

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## **Minutes of Meeting**

Date: September 13, 2017

Place: Portage County Administration Building  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room #605

Time: 9:30AM

## **Attended by:**

### **Board Members:**

Rick Porter, RA (Chairman)	Contractor/Builder
Frank Horack	Electrical Contractor
Audrey Kessler	Homeowner
Jeff Coffee	Fire Safety Inspector

### **Others Present:**

Charles Corcoran	Chief Building Official
Michelle Conner	Secretary
Chris Meduri	Assistant Prosecutor
Christopher Kirkpatrick	Homeowner

Chairman called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken and a Quorum was present.

## **Old Business:**

Motion was made by Rick Porter to journalize the minutes from August 9, 2017.

The board will table it until next meeting and they receive and read the minutes from that meeting.

## **New Business:**

Appeal Case no. 17-1348 Christopher Kirkpatrick, 9237 Fewtown Rd., Deerfield. Owner would like to construct an oversized accessory building on land with no residence on Site. Rick Porter presented the appeal case and asked the Secretary if it was advertised,

Secretary confirmed it was. No one was excused due to conflict of interest. Secretary did swear in those who would testify. Guidelines presented regarding qualifications to receive a variance in above case by Chairman. Charles Corcoran gave background as to where the building department is with the application, adjudication order and this appeal. Floor was open for questions from Board Members, Charles Corcoran, Chris Meduri and Christopher Kirkpatrick. Rick Porter made a motion to go into executive session, Audrey Kessler seconded the motion. Chris Meduri was included in the discussion. The Secretary, Chief Building Official and Owner were excused. Executive session is not to be included in the recording. Motion made by Jeff Coffee to come out of executive session and seconded by Frank Horack. After further discussion with the owner and any possible reasons not building creates a hardship for the owner, Chris Meduri made the statement on behalf of the township which he represents along with the county, he would have to object to the building of this structure due to township complaints and this situation possibly ending up in court. Christopher Kirkpatrick stated there was no public at the meeting objecting. Rick Porter felt more information was provided by the owner in relation to the hardship it would create in regards to the storage he needs for personal items. Rick Porter made a motion to approve the variance with the stipulation that the building meets the residential building code and he would receive an occupancy. The building is not to be used for commercial purposes. Jeff Coffee seconded. Roll call taken for vote, Rick Porter-yes, Frank Horack was silent, Audrey Kessler-yes, Jeff Coffee-yes. Vote was 3 to 1, variance granted. Chris Meduri stated he objected for the township. Charles Corcoran gave update on building department. Next meeting date of December 13, 2017 was confirmed. Rick made motion to adjourn and board members in agreement.

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