

**City of Portage
Board of Zoning Appeals
Monday, June 2, 2014, 5:25 p.m.
Municipal Building, Conference Room One
Minutes**

Members Present: Dave Carlson; Adam Field; Traci Bartels; Jeff Wetzel

Members Absent: Fred Reckling; Michael Paul; Ryan Jahn, alternate

Also Present: Kevin Blau, Blau Family Chiropractic; Howard Latton, adjoining property owner

1. **Call to Order** – the public hearing was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Chairman Carlson.
2. **Roll Call** – was taken with above members present.
3. **Approval of minutes from previous meeting** – motion by Field to approve, 2nd by Carlson, motion carried 4-0.
4. **Public hearing and determination**

The application by Kevin Blau for parcel 2512.04 located at 641 Latton Lane , City of Portage, Columbia County, Wisconsin for variances to Section 90-33 (5) for exceeding the 10 feet from right-of-way for a minimum paved surface setback. The setbacks would only be 2 ft. from Airport Road right-of-way and 5.5 feet from Latton Lane right-of- way. The property is zoned B-1 Neighborhood Business District.

Said variance provides pavement encroachments of 8 feet and 4.5' into the setback areas of Airport Road and Latton Lane respectively.

Kevin Blau, of Blau Chiropractic, was present to present his variance request. The variance would allow him to expand the existing parking surface for his business, adding an additional 4 stalls. The current lot allows for 7 parking stalls. The variance along Latton Lane would be consistent with other properties along that street. Because of the lot configuration Dr. Blau is limited in his customer parking options.

Carlson raised a concern about potential obstruction of a stop sign, particularly by larger and higher vehicles. It is not anticipated that this will be a problem and the vision triangle at the intersection will not be obstructed.

Howard Latton, who attended the meeting as an adjoining property owner, stated he had no objection to the variance request as presented.

Upon completion of the public hearing, the committee entered deliberation on the request. It was suggested that to ensure the safety of pedestrians on the sidewalk along Airport Road and prevent patrons from driving over the grass between the sidewalk and the parking surface some type of "buffer" might be put up such as low shrubbery or bushes, or another device to accomplish this goal. Dr. Blau agreed with this.

Motion made by Field to approve the variance application with the additional requirement that a buffer, such as low shrubbery or a bumper, be placed along the Airport Rd. side of the parking surface, 2nd by Wetzel. Motion carried 4-0.

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5. Adjournment – meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Adam R. Field