

**Cannon Township Zoning Board of Appeals
Regular Meeting Held Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.**

Business Agenda Items:

John & Joann Henry request extension of variance granted April 21, 2015
George & Melissa Sharpe – Dimensional variance application

Members Present: Betten, Birn, Brod, Hanna & Eslinger

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Zoning Administrator Lovelace

The invocation was offered by Commissioner Birn

Approval of Minutes: Move to approve minutes dated January 19, 2016 as written. **MOTION: Betten. SECOND: Birn. Voice vote: Yes – 5, No – 0. Motion carried.**

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

John & Joann Henry
4825 Egypt Valley Ave.
Belmont MI 49306
Extension request for variance granted April 21, 2015

Move to grant a one-year extension from the original approval date of variance (April 21, 2017). MOTION: Betten. SECOND: Birn. Roll Call: Betten – Yes, Birn – Yes, Brod – Yes, Hanna – Yes, Eslinger – Yes. Motioned carried 5-0.

George & Melissa Sharpe
3926 Egypt Valley Ave
Ada MI 49301
Dimensional variance application

Melissa Sharpe 1071 Honey Creek Ada MI 49301 reviewed their request. Their hope is to spare as much of the property as possible for farming. Their proposed building site can meet the 450' setback from the east, but not from the north. John Fortuna 4030 Egypt Valley stated that he is concerned about extending the “no discharge of a firearm zone” surrounding the State Game Area.

Board Comments: Hanna felt that this would be self-created; however, there are neighbors who are that close. Hanna stated the he would not like to see the proposed house sit any closer to the east lot line if they were to grant this. Betten stated he did not see that this met any one of the five standards. Birn was in agreement because they do have other choices in home sites on the property.

Move to deny the variance request. It does not meet any of the five standards. It encroaches upon the State Game Area. MOTION: Birn. SECOND: Betten. Roll call: Betten – Yes, Birn – Yes, Brod – Yes, Hanna – Yes, Eslinger – Yes. Motion carried 5-0.

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Adjournment: 6:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: TBD

Julie Lovelace
Zoning Administrator

Mike Hanna
Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals