

## **Harrison Township Board of Zoning Appeals Minutes September 2, 2009**

The Harrison Township Board of Zoning Appeals met this date with Chair, Scott Van DenBerg presiding. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to conduct a public hearing, scheduled and advertised as required, to consider an appeal on a decision of the Zoning Inspector, submitted by Coughlin Automotive, regarding Article 19.1, #4 use of Banners and Flags for advertising purposes.

The meeting was called to order 6:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:** Scott Van Den Berg, Valerie Hans, Debbie Laughlin, Ryan Bailey & George Snyder

**Absent:** Rory Utt

**Staff Present:** Casey Casto

John Riley, General Manager of Coughlin Automotive, was sworn in by the court reporter.

The Board Chairperson read letters from the applicant dated June 18, 2009, July 17, 2009 and July 30, 2009.

Mr. Riley spoke to the BZA regarding Coughlin's variance request for advertising flags and promotional banners. Mr. Casto commented on the state of the economy and the importance of keeping businesses in Harrison Township. Mr. Van Den Berg stated that the variance application pertained to Harrison Township Zoning Code Article 19.1, item #4. The Board discussed types of temporary signs and banners. Mr. Van Den Berg asked what type of temporary signs and banners the dealership typically uses to advertise. Mr. Riley stated that the dealership receives marketing materials that include banners, pennants and streamers.

Mrs. Hans made the following motion and Mr. Snider seconded the motion:

In consideration of the current economic conditions and to allow review of the Zoning Resolution by the Township Trustees, we move to allow a variance to permit banners, pennants and streamers to remain for a period of 24 months from the date of this meeting at Coughlin Automotive Group, 9000 East Broad Street, Pataskala. In addition, the Board recommends that the Zoning Commission and Township Trustees revisit section 19.1 of the Zoning Resolution and consider modifications that would be appropriate and supportive of attraction and maintaining business in Harrison Township.

**Roll Call:**

Laughlin: Yes

Van Den Berg: Yes

Snider: Yes

Hans: Yes

Bailey: Yes

The motion was approved 5-0.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 pm by Mr. Van Den Berg and seconded by Mrs. Laughlin. The motion approved by a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Valerie Hans, Co-Chair

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Scott Van Den Berg, Chairperson

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Nettie Salmons, Secretary

**APPROVED 12-2-09 WITH ADDITION OF STANDARD HEADING.**

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