

**Charleston Township Zoning Board of Appeals  
March 1, 2016**

**Call To Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by the Chair Mark Appelgren who led those present in the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Roll was called and members present were: Don Balkema, Jim Whitehead, Mark Appelgren and Don Kramer. Absent: Norm Zomer. Also in attendance were the Zoning Administrator, Bert Gale, James Wright and his wife.

**Adoption of Proposed Agenda:**

Balkema/Whitehead moved to adopt the agenda as presented. CARRIED

**Approval of Minutes:**

Balkema/Kramer moved to accept the minutes of December 29, 2015 as presented. CARRIED

**Citizen Time:**

No comments were offered.

**New Business:**

**James Wright Application  
11447 East Michigan Avenue  
Galesburg, MI 49053**

**3908-18-451-041 Determination of Proposed Use Similarity**

Bert Gale, from AGS (Associated Government Services) gave an explanation of the uses allowed in the C-4 Highway Commercial Zoning District (all uses permitted in C-1 Local Commercial District are also permitted in C-4) and pointed out that the requested use was not on the list of permitted uses, but that the Board could review the use and determine if the requested use was similar to a listed use in Section 14.3 which is allowed by the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant, James Wright, was requesting outdoor storage of fencing material on a property he owns on the corner of East Michigan and McCollum. Outdoor storage is not a permitted use in the C-4 District.

The Board reviewed the permitted uses in Section 14.2.15. After some discussion, Balkema/Whitehead moved that the applicant's request does fall under Section 14.2.15 and is similar to a hardware store. Roll Call Vote: Balkema – Y; Whitehead – Y; Kramer – Y; Appelgren – Y. CARRIED

**Adjournment:**

Balkema/Whitehead moved to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. CARRIED

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Kramer

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