



**ADA TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MINUTES  
TUESDAY MAY 10, 2011, 4:30 P.M.  
ADA TOWNSHIP OFFICES  
7330 THORNAPPLE RIVER DR. SE, ADA, MICHIGAN**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Hartley, Burton, Lowry, and Boman  
**STAFF PRESENT:** Thompson and Ferro  
**COMMUNITY PRESENT:** 5  
**ABSENT:** Kushion and Fields

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER-4:30 pm**
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Moved by Member Burton, supported by Member Hartley. Yes: 4  
No: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried.**
- III. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 12, 2011 MEETING MINUTES-Moved by Member Hartley,  
supported by Member Lowry. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried**
- IV. OLD BUSINESS-None**
- V. NEW BUSINESS**
  - 1. Request for Variance from Accessory Building Standards to allow a 1,232 Sq. Ft. Building to be built in the front yard, 27 feet from the Side Lot Line instead of the required 50 feet, M. James Gunberg, 7556 Knapp St. NE, 41-15-10-326-004**

James Gunberg, 7556 Knapp St. NE. Mr. Gunberg stated he would like to replace an existing building and is asking for the new building to stay in the same place as the old building. Mr. Gunberg stated it is not favorable to build any where else on the property. There are power lines and the driveway would be in the way if he were to build any where else.

Member Boman asked if there was an existing foundation and Mr. Gunberg stated there was and he planned on replacing the old foundation with a new.

Open to Public Comment

Closed to Public Comment

Open to Board discussion

Member Burton asked if the 1,232 sq. feet is still in accessory building limit and Planning Director Ferro stated it was.

Member Hartley stated it was a reasonable request.

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Member Lowry moved to approve the variance request, Member Hartley supported.  
Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

**2. Request for Variance from Sign Standards to allow a non-conforming sign to be altered, St. Robert of Newminister, 6477 Ada Dr., 41-15-33-101-027.**

Father ~~Sudlik~~ **Sudlik**, Pastor of St. Robert presented the variance request. St. Robert would like to update the sign to something more modern and update the message board sign because the current one must be changed manually, which is difficult in winter.

Member Burton questioned if there would be a change in the size of the sign. The Applicant stated there would not be.

Member Lowry asked what color the message board would be, the applicant responded that it would be amber in color.

Open to Public Comment

Planning Director Ferro stated the reason for the application is that our rules state the sign should not be altered. A bulletin board sign is permitted for church and schools and there are no rules for digitalized signs. Mr. Ferro stated there should be a condition specifically stating there is no scrolling, flashing, or animation.

Closed to Public Comment

Open to Board Comment

Chairman Boman stated he wanted to provide flexibility for the church on the message and consider the time changes on which the sign changes.

Member Burton moved to approve a non-conforming sign at St. Robert of Newminister with the provision there be no animation, flashing, or scrolling and that the change interval is no more frequent than 5 minutes. Supported by Member Lowry. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE-None**

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT-None**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT-Moved to adjourn at 4:50 pm by Member Lowry, supported by Member Hartley. Yes: 4 No: 0 Absent: 1 Motion to adjourn carried.**

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Susan Burton  
Ada Township Clerk

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Date