

# COLUMBIA TOWNSHIP – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

## Proposed Minutes

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**Members Absent:** Messimer

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These signs would match existing signs that are already in place in Cambridge & Woodstock Township.

Discussion from a representative from M.I.S. who spoke to the request. They have requested that larger signs be permitted so that customers may see them in advance. Accidents may be avoided when signs are more easily seen. Both signs will be within fenced areas of MIS property.

Neighbors Mr. And Mrs. Gainsley were present to oppose the request. They were in favor of the board enforcing the township sign ordinance. A letter was read from Kay Danow a property owner at 12851 M50, who opposed the variance request.

After discussion the terms of the variance were as follows:

1. The sign should not have lights.
2. The sign should be perpendicular to the road.
3. Sign panels may be in place for the months of June, July and August. They are to removed for the other months.

The Board feels that larger signs would enhance traffic safety and help with traffic movement. Motion made by Holstrom, support by Beamish, to approve placement of signs. Ayes Beamish, Holstrom, and Andrews. Nays Olstrom. Motion passed.

A motion was passed to approve the June 14, 2007 minutes.

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