

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF LYON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
MEETING MINUTES  
September 22, 2003**

Approved as submitted October 20, 2003.

DATE: September 22, 2003  
TIME: 7:30 PM  
PLACE: 58000 Grand River

Call to Order: William Erwin called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Roll Call: Present: William Erwin, Chairman  
Michael Barber  
Michael Hawkins  
Pamela Johnson, Clerk  
Tony Raney

Also Present: Dave Gillam, Township Attorney  
Larry Phillips, Building Official

Guests: 1

**1. Approval of the Minutes of August 18, 2003 and August 25, 2003**

A couple typographical errors for the Recording Secretary to correct.

There was brief discussion with regard to the Darryl Fletcher case that was on last month's agenda.

It was noted that Mr. Fletcher planted box elder trees for screening along the property line. The

Board discussed the possibility of reconsidering this issue. Mr. Gillam stated that the Board could

make a motion to reconsider this issue at their next meeting, if they deemed it necessary.

Mr. Phillips noted that he would forward a copy of the minutes from last month's meeting to Mr. Fletcher, since he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Gillam stated that his suggestion would be to have a motion to reconsider the issue and have Mr. Fletcher come in and discuss with the Board what he is willing to do and what he is not willing to do with regard to this issue.

Ms. Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 18, 2003 ZBA meeting as

corrected. Mr. Raney supported the motion.

Voice Vote:	Ayes:	All
	Nays:	None

Motion approved.

Mr. Raney made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 25, 2003 ZBA meeting as corrected. Mr. Barber supported the motion.

Voice Vote:	Ayes:	All
	Nays:	None
	Abstained:	Hawkins

Motion approved.

## 2. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

### **United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River, New Hudson, MI 48165**

Applicant is requesting a variance from Chapter 16.08, sub-section D-3 to place a freestanding sign within the right-of-way which is 120 feet.

Dennis Scheller, 30959 Bramley Circle, explained that they would like to construct a sign closer to the road. They would like to place the sign at 55' from the road, which would bring it 10' from the existing sidewalk. He discussed the businesses that are immediately to the right of the Church and the fact that their signs are closer to the road than the Church's existing sign. He stated that with the expanding building in the area, they would like to have their sign more visible. He stated that by moving the sign closer to the road it would help with the safety issue as far as reaction time for seeing the sign and getting ready to turn into their driveway.

Mr. Phillips made a correction to the agenda. He noted that the applicant is requesting to place their sign in the proposed right-of-way which is 120 feet. He stated that the word "proposed" was left off the agenda.

Mr. Barber made a motion to approve the variance request for United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Avenue, to allow a sign to be placed in the existing proposed right-of-way. The sign would be 55' from the center of the road and 10' from the sidewalk. This would allow for more visibility of the sign and allow the applicant to have a sign closer to the road like many of the other surrounding businesses. By moving the sign closer to the road it will help with the safety and reaction time of members when finding and turning into the Church property. Mr. Raney supported

the motion.

Voice Vote:	Ayes:	All
	Nays:	None

Motion approved.

**3. GENERAL BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mr. Erwin questioned if the Board wanted to make a motion to reconsider the Darryl Fletcher issue. There was brief discussion with regard to this. Mr. Raney stated that he would contact Mr. Fletcher to discuss what types of plantings should be done.

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Erwin adjourned the meeting at 8:08 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Deby Cothery**

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Recording Secretary