CONCORD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS LAKE COUNTY, OHIO REGULAR MEETING

Concord Town Hall 7229 Ravenna Road Concord, Ohio 44077

May 9, 2018 7:00 p.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Board of Zoning Appeals members present:

Francis Sweeney, Vice Chairman Blair Hamilton Brandon Dynes James Rowe, Alternate

Also Present:

Heather Freeman, Planning & Zoning Director/Zoning
 Inspector
Jared Winer, Planner/Assistant Zoning Inspector
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7:00 p.m.

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: So bring to order the May 9th meeting of the Concord Township Board of Zoning Appeals. My name is Francis Sweeney, I am the substitute chair for this evening, and I'd like to introduce the Board to you. To my right is Blair Hamilton, to my left is Brandon Dynes, and to my far left is Jim Rowe, and to my far, far left is Attorney Mike Lucas.

MR. ROWE: Esquire.

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Under the advice of counsel, we would ask that anyone who is going to testify tonight stand and be sworn in at this time, even if you think you're going to testify. All right. Raise your right hand.

MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Knott, you probably want to stand up.

(Whereupon, the speakers were sworn en masse.)

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Thank you. We have a -- We don't have a full complement of the Board tonight. We only have four members. A majority vote is needed to pass any, make any decision on any variance or any other matter before the Board. If there is anyone who, at this time, objects to that, I would ask that you make that known. You're not required to go with the four, four Board members. So if you'd like the full five complement, please let us know. Otherwise, I will assume that it's okay with everyone. Okay. All right. We'll proceed then.

When presenting your case, please come to the microphone, state your name and address for the record and then you can proceed.

Tonight we have two variances on the calendar and

the election of chair or vice chair. 1 I don't know. Heather, do we need a full five 2 member vote for that? Will that have to be postponed? 3 MS. FREEMAN: No, you can do that with four as well. CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Oh, okay. And with that, we can 5 begin with the first variance and that is Variance Number 6 7 2018-27, Mr. Tom McCloskey. He is requesting a variance from 8 Section 34.04 to construct a six foot fence adjacent to the public right-of-way, in lieu of the maximum allowed four foot 9 10 fence, for the property located at 12426 Summerwood Drive. 11 And if Mr. McCloskey is here, please approach. 12 MR. DYNES: Confirm his swearing in. 13 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. All right. And you have been sworn? You have been sworn in? 14 15 MR. McCLOSKEY: Yes, sir. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okav. 16 17 MR. McCLOSKEY: My name is Tom McCloskey. I live at 12426 Summerwood Drive, Concord, Ohio 44077. And as stated, I 18 19 am here today to request a variance to build a six foot fence around the perimeter of my back yard in lieu of the maximum 20 21 four foot high fence adjacent to the roadway. I've 22 actually put together a PowerPoint presentation here with some 23 pictures and things just to kind of go over, make it a little 24 bit easier on you. MR. ROWE: Nice neighborhood there. 25 MR. McCLOSKEY: Yeah, that's it right there, 26 27 actually. 28 MS. FREEMAN: It's already set for you. MR. McCLOSKEY: Go over there, okay, no problem. 29 So we already kind of --30

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry. I can't hear. You just need to speak up.

MR. McCLOSKEY: Sure, okay. So reasons for the variance, multiple reasons: First and foremost, I do have two children, children safety, well-being; and then, also, roadways for motorists that travel on Route 608's well-being as well.

To kind of elaborate into that, since we moved on December 29th, I've been working in the back yard clearing out trees, brush, things of that nature. And on two multiple occasions semi trucks have gone down Route 608, debris has kicked off of those trucks, come into my back yard. And, actually, on one of those occasions a stone actually kind of went whizzing by my face.

So needless to say, we have to worry about a lot of the kids -- or a lot of things with our children today. And the last thing I want to have to worry about or should have to worry about is them playing in the back yard.

Also on that note, my children like to play sports. My daughter plays soccer, my son plays baseball and football. Any chance we get, we're out in the back yard throwing around the ball or kicking around the soccer ball, whatever it may be. And no matter how good you think you are, one always gets away from you or you kick it too hard or you throw it too high. So my fear is that having only a four foot fence height would allow objects to potentially get into the roadway of Route 608.

Secondly, I do have a dog, which is a 70-pound German shepherd, German shepherd-terrier mix, very energetic, likes to play and she can also jump very high. Being, being

that we live across the street from a park, again, one of my fears would be that she sees a squirrel or a deer or something across the street, decides to jump the fence and goes chasing after it into oncoming traffic.

And, lastly, privacy. Living next to 608, there's a lot of traffic. You hear every single car that goes by. I'd rather not see every car that goes by if I'm sitting in my, my back yard. And then also, behind our home, they are building the new elementary school. So they've already started construction, trucks, workers back there. So, again, I'd rather not be playing in the back yard with my kids running through the sprinkler, having a bunch of guys 50 feet away kind of just staring at us.

And then to elaborate even farther into that, even when the school is built, you know, having a four foot high fence -- I know when I was a kid, if I saw a fence, the first thing I wanted to do is climb it. If there's kids behind my yard, my property, who decide to try to climb my fence and get hurt, then I am responsible for that. So just kind of one extra reason why.

All right. And here is the site plan. I do have a corner lot, so I am basically on the east entrance of Summerwood, so I border Concord-Hambden/Route 608 and Summerwood Drive. I am looking just to go around my perimeter, a couple of gates. I have already outlined all the sewer system, the sewer pipes, water pipes, things of that nature when I submitted the request.

I'll get you an aerial view here. So that's before my house was built but kind of gives you a better picture of the intersection that I am on here. And you can see that my

neighboring across the street from me has already actually constructed a six foot fence, went through the variance, was approved the request. Nothing has come of that as far as any kind of inconveniences or any kind of obstructions of sights. So I am in this bottom corner here where all the trees are right now, well, were, I should say.

All right. So I have included multiple pictures basically entering and exiting Summerwood from Route 608, and I have also had my son holding up a six foot high piece of fence there as well at the outermost part of where it would be constructed. So I kind of just walked through and took pictures as you approach the stop sign.

And so when you're stopped at the stop sign, there are trees on the entrance that, obviously, hinder the view when you're pulling out, so you do have to pull forward far enough to get past those trees and to be able to see because there's actually a hill right there with cars coming at you 45 miles an hour, so you do have to slowly creep up there. And on the last picture, you can see just the tip of the fence breaking the pine tree right there.

MR. DYNES: So, Mr. McCloskey.

MR. McCLOSKEY: Yes.

MR. DYNES: Let me ask you, your fence isn't going to impede traffic in any way. It's not going to be a barrier to anybody's vision, right?

MR. McCLOSKEY: No.

MR. DYNES: And you've made a great presentation here tonight, and I know we've looked through all this and I don't want to shortchange you in any way.

MR. McCLOSKEY: Sure.

MR. DYNES: But I think your neighbor's got a six 1 foot fence as well? 2 MR. McCLOSKEY: Right. 3 MR. DYNES: It's already approved. MR. McCLOSKEY: Right. 5 MR. DYNES: It's gone through the process. 6 people might argue and say you bought this lot and should have 7 known that this might be an issue, but I think we all 8 understand how these circumstances exist, right? 9 10 MR. McCLOSKEY: Right. MR. DYNES: I am not trying to cut you off. 11 MR. McCLOSKEY: No. 12 13 MR. DYNES: We've reviewed the material, and we see these somewhat frequently, so I didn't want you to --14 15 MR. McCLOSKEY: Okay. So, I mean, I will just go through them real quick then. I took the pictures and I 16 17 almost got hit by a car, so I just want to show them to you. Across the other way here. That's going toward my neighbor's 18 19 house and then this is coming from 608. As you can see, there is clear line of sight to my driveway, to the street. 20 21 fence is not impeding anything on that side. And then also 22 coming from the opposite direction past the other fence, past 23 my neighbor's yard. 24 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. Thank you. Does --25 Do any members have any questions --MR. ROWE: No. 26 27 CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: -- for Mr. McCloskey? 28 MR. HAMILTON: No. I just have one comment that was in the staff report, and you're probably already aware of it, 29

but anything that the Lake County Department of Utilities

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might have to do related to the sewer line where the fence is 1 2 located might mean they have to deconstruct the fence and you would be responsible for reconstructing it. 3 MR. McCLOSKEY: Correct, yeah. Before I build, I 5 will call 1-800-DAVE before I build it to make sure I know exactly where those pipes are. 6 7 MR. DYNES: His point is there is an easement there 8 as well, so I think that's what he's speaking about as well. 9 MR. McCLOSKEY: Oh, okay, gotcha. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. Any other questions? 10 MR. HAMILTON: No. 11 MR. ROWE: 12 No. 13 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: All right. Is there anyone here to speak either for or against this application? Were 14 15 the neighbors given notice? MR. McCLOSKEY: Yes. 16 17 MS. FREEMAN: Yes. 18 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. 19 MS. FREEMAN: We did, we're required to notify all the adjacent property owners, as well as across the street. 20 21 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Is your next-door neighbor 22 aware? 23 MR. McCLOSKEY: Yes. 24 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: As well as across the 25 street? 26 MR. McCLOSKEY: And he actually already has a six 27 foot high privacy fence that spans, pretty much, half of his 28 property anyway. We've already talked about putting the rest of it up and joining the two fences. 29

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. So as there are no

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other questions or no one to speak for or against this 1 application, I will hereby close the public meeting. MR. ROWE: Let her rip. 3 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Yeah. Okav. Discussion? MR. HAMILTON: Yeah. My only, my only comment is 5 that really the variance is just for along 608. So, you know, 6 he's not asking for a variance for the fence all the way 7 8 around, this is just along 608 right-of-way. And as pointed out, we've already issued a variance for the house across the 9 street, same reason. 10 MR. ROWE: I think the variance would actually cover 11 a bit of the back side as you look out from his house. 12 13 MR. HAMILTON: The right-of-way. MR. ROWE: In the comments, I think I saw that. 14 MR. DYNES: Mr. McCloskey, the six foot is going to 15 go along the rear of your property as well, right? 16 MR. McCLOSKEY: Correct. 17 18 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. 19 MR. ROWE: About the second page in, they have drawn in, as far as the zoning situation would be, it would expect 20 21 four feet on the back and then picking up with the six without 22 variance. So kind of commenting on Blair, that we're only do 23 along 608, there is a little more to it, to that. 24 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Well, now I'm confused. Ιs the variance for a six foot height around --25 26 MR. HAMILTON: All the way around. 27 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: All the way around the --28 MR. ROWE: All the way around. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: -- the property, correct? 29 30 MR. HAMILTON: But the variance only covers the area

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that Jim has indicated in blue. He's allowed to have a six
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    foot fence everywhere else.
               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Without a variance.
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               MR. HAMILTON: Without a variance, correct.
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay.
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    comments, I will entertain a motion to --
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               MR. DYNES: So moved.
               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: -- approve the variance.
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               MR. ROWE: Second.
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               CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: All right. Take a vote.
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    someone second?
               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Yeah, I got a second.
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               MR. LUCAS: Sorry, Jim, I didn't hear you.
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               MR. HAMILTON: Yes.
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Yes.
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               MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Dynes?
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               MR. DYNES: Yes.
               MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Rowe?
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               MS. FREEMAN: Your variance has been approved.
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Thank you very much.
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               MR. McCLOSKEY: Thank you, guys. Appreciate it.
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agenda, which is also a variance, and that is Variance Number 1 2 2018-28, Mr. David Knott, of Icon Realty, LLC, is requesting a variance from Section 22.04(G), Table 22.04, to allow for 3 impervious lot coverage to be 74 percent of the lot area in 5 lieu of the maximum allowed, 70 percent, for the property located at 9950 Johnnycake Ridge Road. 6 7 Hi. 8 MR. KNOTT: Good day. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: You've been sworn in? 9 MR. KNOTT: Yes, I have. 10 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. State your name and 11 12 address. 13 MR. KNOTT: My name is David Knott. I am the part owner of the property located at 9952 and 50 Johnnycake Ridge 14 15 Road in Concord. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. Go ahead. 16 17 MS. FREEMAN: Excuse me. He did not actually -- He 18 did not stand up and get sworn in. 19 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Oh, you didn't? MR. LUCAS: Yeah, Dave, I didn't -- I was going to 20 21 say. 22 MR. KNOTT: I put my hand up. Are you saying I 23 didn't stand up but I put my hand up? Well --24 MR. LUCAS: 25 (Whereupon, Mr. Knott was sworn in.) 26 MR. KNOTT: I don't know how many of you might have 27 seen our building complex there. We have two buildings, all 28 brick, all utility brick all the way around that I had built, oh, about 12 years ago and tastefully done, high quality. 29 MR. ROWE: Yeah. 30

MR. KNOTT: And we have an outstanding group of tenants in there. We're fully occupied. And our one tenant, who's done an impeccable job with their business back there, Anytime Fitness, has a need factor of -- they're looking for just a one, one large area to have group sessions and of approximately 1,000 square feet. And that area happens to be, where we're locating the addition, is just grass anyhow. And, probably, this addition won't even be seen from 84 because it's behind buildings, so it's not even visible.

But, but our goal is still is to build the building so it matches the existing architecture and the quality that's already there. In this process we've -- What we've uncovered is that we have, I guess the word we're using is impervious and that we're 4 percent over that, what the standard is of 70 percent. We're at 74 percent. So I am here applying for a variance regarding that situation and hoping that we would get it granted.

MR. ROWE: Yeah, I visited today. Like you say, from 84 -- Well, I don't know. Maybe to the east, if you crane your head a little bit, you could see where the addition is but --

MR. KNOTT: You know, actually, in that location, we're pretty much abutting back in that corner to other driveways and parking.

MR. ROWE: Yeah.

MR. KNOTT: Rear parking of other buildings. So it's kind of like it's, you know, they're -- all the rear of the buildings are facing each other in this location.

MR. ROWE: It was really handy the way you had it taped off, too.

MR. KNOTT: Oh, yeah. 1 2 MR. ROWE: Trying to envision it. MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Tell them why you did that. 3 MR. KNOTT: Oh, there's a marketing reason why we 5 did that. By the way, the owner of the business happens to be here, which is Von, from Anytime. And they've done a great 6 job for the community. It's been a true asset. And I think 7 8 they're quite -- They've been very successful since they moved in there. So we were happy. We like, really like having them 9 10 They're good for the area. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Who are the other tenants in 11 12 there? 13 MR. KNOTT: We have -- Our first was Zeppe's Pizza. We have Anytime Fitness. We have Purple Poochie which is on 14 15 the front corner, which is a dog salon. We have a tack --It's called At The Barn. And then we have an insurance 16 17 company in there, which is Ciconetti. He has a location, I think, in downtown Painesville, so this is his other satellite 18 19 location. I think he spends more time here, I mean, because his car is usually parked there. 20 21 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. 22 MR. KNOTT: So we have five, five really good 23 tenants. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Great. Any other questions 24 25 or comments from anyone? MR. ROWE: No. 26 27 MR. HAMILTON: No. 28 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. All right. I will close the public hearing. 29 MS. FREEMAN: Do you see if anybody --30

MR. ROWE: Anybody else for or against?

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Oh, yeah. Is there anybody else here to speak for or against the variance? Thank you.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I mean, I could speak a few minutes for it if you would like me to.

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Absolutely, if you'd like to. It's up to you.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I kind of would like to unless you guys want to get going.

VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: No, we'd love to hear from you.

MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: I'm Von Hollingsworth at 7241 South Meadow Drive, not too far from the business. My daughter and I, Anna, started this, started Anytime Fitness six years ago, coming up on six years in December. It's done very well. We probably have 800 Concordians that are members there today. We do a lot of personal training there. The reason -- And we, obviously, went through our landlord and said, "I need, I need more space."

We're trying to stay vital and stay competitive from the standpoint, we offer one-on-one personal training, we have an excellent 24-hour facility, but the one thing we're not able to do on the inside of the facility is group work. We just don't have that space. And we know that going forward that's something that, if we're going to compete with the Title Boxings and the SolSprints and that kind of thing, we have to be able to bring our people and let them work out in a group setting.

We do a lot of that outside the gym. Last year, I think we raised in excess of \$115,000\$ for charity just for the

Concord/Mentor area children and stuff doing events on the 1 2 outside. So we do bring the people together outside the gym. We're trying to bring -- come up with a way to keep that kind 3 of teamwork, have them inside working out together in a group setting. 5 A thousand square feet is about what we need. 6 And we don't see this as necessarily membership enhancement. 7 8 Probably, it will not be. But it will certainly avail us to keep the members that we do have because that's the one thing 9 that they've come to us and said, "You've got to put this in." 10 That's where we are at. So I went to him and said, "I need 11 space, David." Okay? 12 13 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Great. Thank you very much. MR. ROWE: Thank you. 14 15 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: All right. If there are no other comments, I will now close the hearing. All right. 16 17 Discussion, anyone? 18 MR. DYNES: I move to approve. 19 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: I second. Let's put it to a vote. 20 21 MR. HAMILTON: I guess I don't have anything to say. 22 MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Rowe? 23 MR. ROWE: Yes. 24 MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Dynes? MR. DYNES: Yes. 25 MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Hamilton? 26 27 MR. HAMILTON: Yes. 28 MS. FREEMAN: And Mr. Sweeney? VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Yes. Your variance has been 29 30 approved.

MR. KNOTT: Thank you so much. 1 MR. HOLLINGSWORTH: Thank you. 2 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Congratulations. 3 MR. KNOTT: Thank you for your time. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Good luck. 5 (Whereupon, discussion was held off the record.) 6 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: All right. Before I --7 8 Before we proceed, I would like to recognize our new Administrator, Andy Rose, who is here tonight, and our new 9 Assistant Zoning Inspector, Jared Winer. Thanks for coming 10 by. It's nice to meet you guys. 11 MR. ROSE: Thank you. 12 13 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. Our next order of business is to approve the minutes -- or election of chair and 14 15 vice chair. And I guess I will open the floor. MR. DYNES: I would nominate Ivan --16 17 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: I would second. MR. DYNES: -- to continue as chair. 18 19 VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Ivan Valentic. MR. DYNES: Are we able to vote on that with only 20 three members? 21 22 MR. LUCAS: I am sorry? 23 MR. DYNES: Are we able to vote on that with only 24 three regular members and an alternate? 25 MR. LUCAS: Yeah, yes. 26 MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Chairman, can I remind you that 27 Ivan filled in as chair two years in a row. 28 MR. DYNES: He's done a remarkable job, I would say. VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: As you can see from my 29 performance tonight, he's much better. 30

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               MR. LUCAS:
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay. But I can't do that.
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               MR. DYNES: And I would nominate, while I'm rolling
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    nominate the slate of Ivan Valentic as chair and Skip Sweeney,
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               MR. HAMILTON: Does that need a second? Second.
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               MR. LUCAS: Yep, you're ready to vote.
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               MR. LUCAS: Absolutely.
               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Okay.
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               MR. LUCAS: Anything less would be positively
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               MR. ROWE: But it's not Chicago, so only once.
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               MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Lucas, do we need a roll call on
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               MR. LUCAS: Yeah, absolutely.
               MS. FREEMAN: Okay. All right. Mr. Hamilton?
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               MR. HAMILTON: Yes.
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               MS. FREEMAN: Mr. Sweeney?
               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Yes.
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    been completed and our final matter is approval of the minutes
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Jim, would you like to --
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Anyone?
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               MR. DYNES: Looked good to me.
               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: Looks fine here.
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               MR. DYNES: I move to approve the minutes of
    March 14, 2018, meeting.
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               CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: I will second.
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               MR. HAMILTON:
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               VICE CHAIRMAN SWEENEY: All in favor?
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    Zoning Appeals meeting is June 13th of 2018. And with that,
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    the meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.
               (Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.)
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STATE OF OHIO 1 CERTIFICATE COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA I, Melinda A. Melton, Registered Professional 3 Reporter, a notary public within and for the State of Ohio, duly commissioned and qualified, do hereby certify that, to the best of my ability, the foregoing proceedings were 5 reduced by me to stenotype shorthand, subsequently transcribed into typewritten manuscript; and that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcript of said 6 proceedings so taken as aforesaid. 7 I do further certify that this proceeding took 8 place at the time and place as specified in the foregoing caption and was completed without adjournment. 9 I do further certify that I am not a friend, relative, or counsel for any party or otherwise interested 10 in the outcome of these proceedings. 11 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal of office this 21st day of May 2018. 12 13 14 15 16 Melinda A. Melton 17 Registered Professional Reporter 18 Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio 19 My Commission Expires: February 4, 2023 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30