

**Sherwood Board of Adjustments
Minutes
October 9, 2012**

The Sherwood Board of Adjustments met for their regularly scheduled meeting on October 9, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at 2201 E. Kiehl Avenue, Sherwood, AR 72120.

Members Present

Lucien Gillham
Forrest Penny
Andrew Phillips
Albert Harris

Members Absent

Scott Miller

Staff Present

Ellen Norvell – City Engineer
Steve Cobb – City Attorney
Ashley Taylor - Secretary

Chairman Penny called the meeting to order.

Commissioner Gillham made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2012 meeting. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the minutes.

A Variance Request from the required property line setbacks and required separation from existing structures at 330 Apple Valley Drive. John and Lisa Dailey, Owner. John Dailey was present to discuss the request. He said they purchased a boat as well as the parcel behind their property and would like replat the two parcels into one and then build a detached garage to store the boat in. Staff Comments: City Planner, Dwight Pattison said basically they are requesting a to build a garage next to the existing garage. He said the proposed garage would only be 2' from the side property line. He said a couple of options would be to put it in the rear part of the property or attach it to the house. He said there is not a hardship created by the lot. He said Planning Staff would recommend for denial. Mr. Dailey said it would be built to match the house with like materials. He said

they could not put the building behind the house because of the way the property slopes in the rear. He said from the front of the property to the rear it slopes approximately 15' so the only place they can construct the building affordably is to put it to the side of the house. City Engineer, Ellen Norvell said Engineering Staff has similar concerns that have been discussing. She said they feel like the best option would be to connect it to the existing garage and make it a three car garage and at that point a variance would not be required and it would be more uniform. Commissioner Gillham made a motion to deny the variance request at 330 Apple Valley Drive. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous to deny the variance request.

A Variance Request to the quantity of signs allowed at 5802 Warden Road. Fort Thompson Sporting Goods, Owner. Tom Denniston was present to discuss the request. Staff Comments: City Planner, Dwight Pattison said there are currently 4 small signs and the request is to add 6 more small signs, which would make a total of 10 signs on the front of the building. He said the ordinance allows for 4 signs. He said the purpose is for clutter as well as traffic concerns. He said Planning Staff would recommend for denial. City Engineer, Ellen Norvell said she is going to defer to the City Planner on this request. Mr. Denniston said this all started when he had several of his vendors wanting to put up little signs. He said these signs would not be that small and would be very attractive. He said they would each be a vendor logo like a Browning or Remington logo. Commissioner Harris said he has noticed that most of chain stores have more signs than normal. He said they are still working with the sign committee. He said if they don't look tacky and are not all over the place then he doesn't have a problem with them. City Engineer, Ellen Novell said it is her understanding that the Sign Committee would like to revise the sign ordinance to look more at the percentage of the size of the sign instead of the number of signs. She said if he were to make it two large signs instead of having a separation in between them then there would not be any problem with it. Commissioner Gillham made a motion approve the variance request for 6 signs that are similar to and no larger than the existing signs at 5802 Warden Road. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the variance request.

There being no further business Commissioner Gillham made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Ashley Taylor, Secretary

Forrest Penny, Chairman