

**City of Norton**  
**BOARD OF ZONING & BUILDING APPEALS**  
**Tuesday, March 17, 2015**

The Board of Zoning & Building Appeals convened in Council Chambers at the Safety Administration Building. Chairman Don Welch called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**I. ATTENDANCE:**

**PRESENT:** Don Welch, Marty West, Angie Wells, Miriam Norris (Alternate)

**EXCUSED:** Bill Helmick, Nick Genis

**ALSO PRESENT:**

**II. SWEARING IN:**

Chairman Welch reviewed the procedural requirements for that night's hearing. Chairman Welch proceeded by stating that this was a quasi-judicial Board and asked that anyone wanting to speak needs to sign the attendance sheet and stand to be sworn in. Chairman Welch administered the oath to those intending to speak at the hearing.

**III. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

- A. BZA - Application A2-2015  
Ganley Real Estate Company - Owner  
Ganley Collision – Body Shop  
Ellet Neon Sales & Service  
3636 Summit Road  
PPN # 4600779  
[2 Variance's for Signage – I-1 District]  
[Section: 1289.06(a)(2)(c)(d)]  
(c) - Asking for a 55 s.f. Variance  
(d) - Asking for a 15' High Variance**

Chairman Welch announced anyone wishing to speak at tonight's meeting should please sign in at the front podium.

Chairman Welch announced the application and stated the application was filed March 2, 2015 and letters of notification were sent via first class mail, as required, per section 6.03 of the City Charter. Chairman Welch asked the applicant/agent to come forward and be sworn in, state his name and address for the stenographer, and present pertinent information regarding the application.

Ms. Amy Noble, 3041 Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio, 44312; Agent, for Ganley Collision & Auto Body Center approached the podium. She stated she was from Ellet Neon Sign and would like the Boards consideration tonight on a new sign for her client. She stated the sign would be a free standing sign that would identify Ganley Auto Body Shop. She said the business logo colors were yellow and red. She stated her client would like to use these colors in their sign. She stated they also wanted this sign to be seen from Barber Road. She stated her company has kept the same sign size and height as all the other signs on the Barber Road area. She stated this sign would be approximately 600 feet from the Barber Road area. She stated they will be maintaining the same set back as the previous sign. Ms. Noble asked if the Board had any questions for her. Mr. Welch asked if the sign would be exactly where the present sign is at. Ms. Noble stated it would be placed in the same exact spot. Mr. Welch asked if the sign was approximately half way down the width of the lot. Ms. Noble stated the sign is centered with the building. Mr. Welch asked if the old sign would be completely removed. Ms. Noble stated it would be. Mr. Welch asked if this sign would be flashing. Ms. Noble stated it would not flash. Ms. Norris asked why the pole needed to be so tall. Ms. Noble stated it would be for visibility. She stated with a shorter pole, during inclement weather, the sign would not be seen as well. Ms. Noble stated the sign is easier to read if it is at this height. Mr. Welch asked how far this sign was from Barber Road. Ms. Noble stated it was approximately 600 feet. Ms. Noble stated she tries to have the size of the letters an inch high for every 100 feet. She stated the "G" in Ganley was about 28 inches high and should be able to be seen at about 2800 s.f. She stated they try to factor in visibility while driving. Ms. Norris asked how tall the sign was. Ms. Noble stated the sign was 20 feet tall from the grade to the top of the sign. She stated the sign is at 80 square feet. She stated this sign is very similar to the other signs her company has designed for Barber Road. She stated these signs were at Budget Car Mart and Trusty Cars.

Chairman Welch asked any Board members if they had any other questions.

Chairman Welch asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the application; no one spoke.

Chairman Welch asked for the second time if anyone wanted to speak for or against the application; no one spoke.

Chairman Welch asked for a third and final time if anyone wanted to speak for or against the application; no one spoke

Chairman Welch closed the public portion of the meeting. **Hearing no other questions or discussion from the Board, Chairman Welch asked for a motion. Ms. Norris moved to approve the Application: Ms. Wells seconded the Motion. ROLL CALL: Ms. Norris-Yes, Ms. Wells-Yes, Mr. Welch-Yes. Motion was Approved 3-0.**

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS:**

Chairman Welch asked if there was any old business. There was none.

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS:**

Chairman Welch asked if there was any new business. There was none.

**VI. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES;**

Chairman Welch asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of Wednesday, January 21, 2015. **Hearing none, the Chairman called for a motion. Ms. Norris moved to approve the minutes as written, seconded by Ms. Wells. ROLL CALL: Ms. Norris-Yes, Ms. Wells-Yes, Mr. West-Yes, Mr. Welch-Yes. Motion carried 4-0 to accept the minutes as written.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no other business before the Board, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. The Board's next scheduled meeting will be Tuesday, April 21, 2015.

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Chair/Vice-Chair

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Vice-Chair/Member

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**\* ORIGINAL SIGNED DOCUMENTS ON FILE WITH THE CLERK OF COUNCIL \***