ISABELLA COUNTY
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

July 20, 2016

A Regular Meeting of the Isabella County Zoning Board of Appeals was held on July 20, 2016 in Room 320 of the Isabella County Building, 200 North Main Street, Mt. Pleasant, Michigan.

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Wynes, Brent Duffett, Tom Riley, Marilyn Fosburg
MEMBERS ABSENT:	None
SUPPORT STAFF PRESENT:	Tim Nieporte, Directory Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary Ray Johnson, Planner/Zoning Administrator

The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:00 a.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Commission.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Duffett supported by Mrs. Fosburg to approve the agenda.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Wynes, Brent Duffett, Tom Riley, Marilyn Fosburg
No: None

Motion carried.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes from the May 2016 regular meeting were circulated to the Commission prior to the meeting for their review.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffett and supported by Mr. Riley to approve the minutes as presented.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist, Jim Wynes, Brent Duffett, Tom Riley,
Abstain: Marilyn Fosburg
No: None

Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR NON-AGENDA ITEMS

None heard

VAR#16-05 Verizon Wireless

Mr. Johnson explained an application was filed on March 13, 2015 by Mrs. Hayes on behalf of Verizon Wireless which included a narrative by the applicant providing an explanation of the criteria in Section 14.04 of the Ordinance for this variance request by the applicant and site plan of the proposed construction of the 195' monopole along with the deed for the property.

Mr. Johnson stated that April of 2015 Verizon Wireless was previously granted a variance at this location for the reduction of the required distance between two towers. Verizon's plan to begin construction will not be until after the previously granted variance has expired. Therefore according to Section 14.05 (D) (1) the applicant must re-apply for the variance.

Mrs. Hayes refreshed Board member on the reason for this location with the display of coverage maps indicating that this location is the best in the area to decrease the likelihood of permanent gaps in cellular coverage.

Public hearing opened 9:05 am
Public hearing closed 9:05 am

Board discussion took place.

A motion was made by Mr. Duffett supported by Mrs. Fosburg to approve Variance # 16-05 Verizon Wireless based on the fact the applicant has met the criteria of Section 14.04.

Mr. Wynes called for a vote.

Yes: Gordon Gilchrist,
Yes: Jim Wynes
Yes: Brent Duffett
Yes: Tom Riley
Yes: Marilyn Fosburg

No: None.

Motion Carried

STAFF COMMENTS – none

APPEALS BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS – none

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Duffett and supported by Mrs. Fosburg to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 am.

Brent Duffet, Secretary
Kim Kennedy, Recording Secretary