ACME TOWNSHIP Zoning Board of Appeals October 13, 2005

Thursday, 7:30 p.m. Acme Township Hall Acme, Michigan

Meeting called to Order at 7:30 p.m.

Members present: D. Krause (Acting Chair), Collins, D. Smith

Members excused: L. Belcher, J. Kuncaitis
Staff present: J. Hull, Zoning Administrator
S. Corpe, Recording Secretary

1. Review and approval of the agenda, inquiry as to conflicts of interest: Approved with none noted.

2. Correspondence: None

3. Reports: None

4. Hearings:

a) Review of Lochenheath neighborhood signs in compliance with Variance 2005-12Z: Russ Clark presented the application, which was discussed at the September meeting. He reviewed the proposal presented at that meeting and the proposed change in design proposed to meet the requested 32 sq. ft. maximum sign area size per face. He indicated that the walls on which the signs would be located are already under constructions and provided photographs of them in partially-completed state. The photographs clearly indicate how far back from the roadway the walls are placed. In particular it is visible where the utility lines are that denote the edge of the right-of-way, and Mr. Clark stated that the walls are 27' set back from this point.

Krause asked how far the signs are from the current edge of the roadway. The signs are 94' from the centerline of the road. The sign face is proposed to be precast stone with engraved and painted lettering. There will be low-voltage landscaping-type lighting in front of the sign. Collins asked about some wording on the plans submitted; Mr. Clark stated that the notation simply describes how the artwork for the engraving will be presented.

Motion by Smith, support by Collins to approve the neighborhood signs for LochenHeath as presented. The Chair cast an unanimous ballot, there being no objection.

b) Public hearing for Meijer, Inc., requesting variances of Section 8.12.2(2), [Planned Shopping Center Site Development Requirements] Parking Areas and Circulation, which states: "Any individual parking space in the center shall be accessible by clearly demarcated walks from the shopping areas"; Section 8.12.2(8), Transition Strips, which states that a Planned Shopping

Center adjacent to agricultural districts, inter alia, it shall provide a two hundred foot transition strip on all sides expect on the side fronting on a major thoroughfare; and Section 7.5.4(2)f which states: "All lighting shall be from high pressure sodium light sources...."; and an interpretation of Section 8.12.2(2) clarifying the rule quoted above: The applicant has requested a continuation of their hearing to a subsequent date to be determined.

Motion by Collins, support by Smith to continue the Meijer application to a subsequent meeting to be agreed upon. The Chair cast an unanimous ballot, there being no objection.

- 5. Other Business: None
- 6. Approval of minutes from the September 8, 2005 regular meeting:

Motion by Smith, support by Collins to approve the minutes of the September 8 meeting as presented. The Chair cast an unanimous ballot, there being no objection.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.