

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF OTTAWA ZONING BOARD
OF APPEALS – July 18, 2013**

Mayor Bob Eschbach
City Council Members

Gentlemen:

A meeting of the Ottawa Zoning Board of Appeals was held on Thursday, July 18, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Ottawa city council chambers. Members present were Charles Sheridan, John Stone, Dan Bittner, Vince Kozsdiy, Aaron Battistelli and Todd Volker.

It was moved by Charles Sheridan and seconded by Todd Volker to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the board held in June 2013.

The chairman noted that the decisions of the Zoning Board of Appeals are recommendations to the Ottawa City Council, and recommended that anyone appearing before the board may also appear before the city council should they differ with the board's decision.

A request for variances from the city Zoning Ordinance came from Bridgett Meely of 1517 W. Madison Street, Ottawa. Meely is tenant at the property, which is owned by Richard McGill.

(1) **Variance for Porch.** Meely requested a variance to permit the construction of a permanent porch, sized 17' across the front of the house and 7.5' deep. Vince Kozsdiy moved to grant the variance; motion seconded by Aaron Battistelli. The motion was unanimously approved.

(2) **Variance for Fence.** Meely requested a variance to permit the construction of a metal fence in the front yard of the property, to extend across the front of the lot and along its sides. The fence desired would be three feet tall, and it would be located upon city property for that portion of the fence which would run across the length of the front of the property, and which would be located adjacent to the front sidewalk.

John Strong moved that the variance be granted, stipulating that the fence be placed 1-foot from the sidewalk inside the lot, and that the city retain the right to take the fence down at any time. The motion was seconded by Kozsdiy and was unanimously approved.

Vince Kozsdiy recommended that the applicant provide the city council with a photo of the desired fence type.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Bittner, seconded by John Stone and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Todd Volker