OFFICIAL DECISION BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS CARROLL COUNTY, MARYLAND

APPLICANT:

Allen David Schaeffer

3444 Blacks Schoolhouse Road Taneytown, Maryland 21787

ATTORNEY:

N/A

REQUEST:

An application for an expansion of a non-conforming use to

accommodate additional equipment storage.

LOCATION:

The site is located at 3444 Blacks Schoolhouse Road, Taneytown, MD 21787, on property zoned "A" Agricultural District in Election District 3.

BASIS:

Code of Public Local Laws and Ordinances, Chapter 223-9

HEARING HELD:

May 30, 2012

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSION

On May 30, 2012, the Board of Zoning Appeals (the Board) convened to hear the request for an expansion of a non-conforming use to accommodate additional equipment storage. Based on the testimony and evidence presented, the Board made the following findings and conclusion:

Mr. Allen David Schaeffer has operated an equipment storage business at this location since the 1950s. He has previously been approved for four acres in his business by the Board. Many of the items on his property are shipped out for auctions in various areas of the country. No one came to the hearing to oppose the expansion of the conditional use. The business is next to about three hundred and ninety acres of Mr. Schaeffer's farm property, where crops are planted.

The Board is convinced that authorization of the request is consistent with the purpose of the zoning ordinance, appropriate in light of the factors to be considered regarding conditional uses of the zoning ordinance, and will not unduly affect the residents of adjacent properties, the values of those properties, or public interests. The Board approves the expansion of a conditional use for equipment storage from four acres to ten acres.

Date

Richard J. Simmons, Chairman

Decisions of the Board of Zoning Appeals may be appealed to the Circuit Court for Carroll County within 30 days of the date of the decision pursuant to Article 66B, Section 4.08 of the Annotated Code of Maryland Rules of Procedure.

Pursuant to Section 223-192C of the County Code, this approval will become void unless all applicable requirements of this section are met. Contact the Office of Zoning Administration at 410-386-2980 for specific compliance instructions.

6/13/2012