NOTICE OF JOINT PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Reading Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals will be holding a Joint Public Hearing on Monday, July 14, 2014, at 7:00 PM, in the Reading City Hall Council Chambers. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to consider an application for a Special Use Permit for the vacant property located on East Street contiguous to the current School Bus Garage property as well as for a Variance of fence height on parcels located on the corners of Maple, East and Lynn Streets, City of Reading, commonly known as bus garage.

The Special Use Permit if granted would allow for an extension of the Reading Community Schools Bus parking area. The property is currently Zoned R-1 Residential (Low Density Residential). The proposed use is not a permitted use in said zoning district, but may be considered as other similar and compatible uses as determined by the Planning Commission through a Special Use Permit, subject to yard area and other requirements of the City of Reading Zoning Ordinance.

The Variance requested if granted would allow for an exception to the fence height as allowed by ordinance.

Section 703.3 Variance: To authorize upon application, a variance from the strict applications of provisions of this Ordinance whereby reasons of exceptional narrowness, shallowness, shape or area of a specific piece of property at the time of enactment of this Ordinance or by reason of exceptional conditions of such property, the strict application of the regulations enacted would result in practical difficulty to the owner of the such property, provided such relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent and purpose of this Ordinance. In granting a variance, the Board shall state the grounds upon which it justifies the granting of the variance.

Any interested parties should plan to attend the hearing, if you are unable to attend but wish to have your comments recognized, you may do so in writing by sending them to Reading Planning Commission or Zoning Board of Appeals c/o City Clerk/Treasurer at 113 S. Main St. Reading, MI 49274 and must be received by 5:00 pm on July 14, 2014. Any questions prior to the hearing may be directed to the Zoning Administrator at 517-283-2027.

Kimberly Blythe, Clerk/Treasurer