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Shed and fence display is at the west end of the store. Storage of bag goods will be displayed at the rear south east corner of the building.

Richard Smith, Chief Building and Zoning Inspector, stated that the original conditional use permit of February 27, 2003 was for seasonal retail of flowers and shrubs and has evolved into bagged goods storage and they were cited for that after which it was permitted. Next the storage evolved into building materials of which there were issues of that last year. The store showed up with 150 wheel barrels, grills, swing sets, fences and sheds. Mr. Smith said that if you look at this store and Mentor's store, there is a world of difference. Mr. Chowder stated that he is not going to allow the building to get into that position. Mr. Chowder stated that the only thing that will remain outside past September will be sheds. Everything else will go away.

Chairman Irvine stated that he has a hard time understanding why this site is permitted to display anything other than flowers and shrubs in front of the store. Mr. Smith said that they are permitted by conditional use permit but need to have parameters and conditions set on what is permitted. Chairman Irvine stated that he needs to understand what Lowe's policy is on this. Chairman Irvine requested of Mr. Chowder that he bring his boss to the next meeting, March 26, 2009 to talk about what Lowe's policy is regarding outdoor seasonal storage. Chairman Irvine advised Mr. Chowder that his boss needs to be prepared to answer questions about other stores in the area.

Chuck Cox told Mr. Chowder that this store is located near a residential area and the store in Mentor is located near other commercial areas. The lumber and other items stored outside are objectionable to the residents on Robinhood Dr. and Kilarney Dr. Mr. Chowder said that there should never be lumber outside because it is hard to keep track of it from being stolen.

Mr. Smith advised Mr. Chowder that at this point the store is illegal because they don't have a conditional use permit in place. Mr. Smith told Mr. Chowder that Lowe's is assuming that Planning Commission will grant the application for what they have outside now. That may not happen.

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