

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission Regular Session and Public Hearings
Meeting Minutes — April 11, 2022, 5:00 p.m.
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV
Paul L. Cooley Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chairperson David Craddock; Commissioners William Deegans, Clifford Gillilan and Paul Lindquist; Planning and Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham; Recording Officer Tina Alvey

ABSENT: Commissioner Donna Johns

VISITORS: Michael Mills, Stephen Deneui, Paul Thomas, Bruce and Cyndee Stapp, Jim Bob Walkup, Sam Argabright, Jeanette Chambers and Henry Harold

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Chairperson David Craddock

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Commissioner Clifford Gillilan moved approval of the minutes of the March 14, 2022, meeting, seconded by Commissioner William Deegans, and approved 4-0, with Commissioner Donna Johns absent.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: None.

***Public Hearing:** Henry Harold and Jeanette Chambers, 152 Harris Street - Install black steel fence.*

Applicant Henry Harold noted that the property in question is on the corner of Dennis and Harris streets. The fence being replaced borders Dennis Street.

The application was approved, upon motion by Commissioner Paul Lindquist, seconded by Gillilan, and passed on a 4-0 vote, with Johns absent.

***Public Hearing:** Bruce and Cyndee Stapp, 297 Church Street - Repair and extend existing deck and relocate air conditioning unit.*

Applicant Cyndee Stapp told the commission that the railing on the deck extension would contain the same spindle as the deck currently has, but in a bigger size. She explained that the existing air conditioning unit doesn't properly vent, as it is positioned under the deck; it will be moved to an alcove on the side of the house and will not be visible from the front of the structure, she said.

The application was approved, upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Lindquist, and passed on a 4-0 vote with Johns absent.

***Public Hearing:** Elizabeth Destiny, 323 Lafayette Street - Remove front porch steps and replace with concrete and stone, changing the steps from side to the front, adding sidewalk and in the*

back build 12'x23'6" deck.

Representing the applicant, contractor Jim Bob Walkup advised the commission that, due to deterioration, the front porch of the dwelling needs to be rebuilt. The new design calls for manufactured stone to be placed on the sides of the steps leading to the porch. HLC consultant Michael Mills pointed out that handrails and guardrails will also be needed along the steps. He added that while he would prefer the homeowner extend the structure's stucco rather than install manufactured stone, the proposed material is not prohibited.

The application was approved, upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Lindquist, and passed on a 4-0 vote with Johns absent.

Public Hearing: Robert Frank, 150 Bell Drive - Replace and modify exterior.

Representing the applicant, contractor Sam Argabright described the anticipated remodeling of the Frank residence, which in the current phase of construction includes removing the mansard roof topping the pool room and replacing it with a flat roof designed to hide the HVAC equipment. Argabright said the former pool has been filled in, and that enclosed space will be used as a large entertaining area. Also, the wood deck will be replaced, and the homeowner is considering installation of "walkable" skylights to allow the new flat roof to be used as a deck.

The application was approved, upon motion by Lindquist, seconded by Deegans, and passed on a 4-0 vote with Johns absent.

Public Hearing: Colin Rose, 951 Washington Street - Remove all second floor windows and replace with Pella Architect Series Traditional wood and aluminum clad windows.

Representing the applicant, Paul Thomas noted that the building in question is across from City Hall and is being converted into a small hotel. The proposed work will involve replacing rotted out second floor windows and removing a non-matching window. HLC Consultant Michael Mills suggested the owner leave an indentation where the non-matching window was, to preserve the building's appearance. Commissioner Deegans said he would like to see the building's diamond-pane windows restored "when the time comes."

The application was approved, upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Lindquist, and passed on a 4-0 vote with Johns absent.

Public Hearing: Colin Rose, 692 Jefferson Street - Remove and replace damaged patio.

Representing the applicant, Paul Thomas told the commission that the original 4" concrete slab patio on this rental house has completely deteriorated. The replacement will involve treated joists with Trex decking ontop and will include removal of bricks and sills and installation of wood latticework, probably built out of cedar.

A discussion ensued, with Deegans pointing out that the porch is a feature of the house and expressing a desire that masonry and brick be used in this project rather than Trex and lattice. Thomas said it would be quicker to install Trex and trellis instead of using concrete and brick. Mills said using Trex will change the house into a “suburban” style; he said concrete is more suitable for the house. Thomas said the owner “doesn’t care” which material is used.

The application was approved, with the stipulation that the construction be done with concrete and masonry. Gillilan made the motion, Deegans seconded it, and it passed 4-0, with Johns absent.

Public Hearing: *Paul Lindquist, 1030 Jefferson Street - Replace screens on the cistern house with glass on all four sides, add screen on the door, repair damaged wood and paint with classic white, and possibly add a vent on the east side..*

Commissioner Lindquist recused himself from deliberating and voting on this application. As the applicant, Lindquist told the commission that the request to replace his home’s cistern house’s screens with glass is being made due to a large quantity of dirt from U.S. Route 219 drifting into the structure, which is used as a storage building. He said the appearance of the building will be unchanged, noting that no vent will be added.

The application was approved, upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Deegans, and passed on a 3-0 vote with Johns absent and Lindquist recused.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m. Gillilan made the motion, which was seconded by Lindquist and approved 4-0, with Johns absent.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Alvey
Recording Officer