

**City of Lewisburg**  
**Historic Landmark Commission Regular Session**  
**Meeting Minutes — January 13, 2025, 5:00 p.m.**  
**942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV**  
**Paul L. Cooley Council Chambers**

**PRESENT:** Chairperson Adrienne French, Secretary William Deegans; Commissioners Paula Janiga and Clifford Gillilan; Planning and Zoning Assistant Marsha Cunningham; Recording Officer Tina Alvey.

**ABSENT:** Andrea Izzo.

**VISITORS:** Mayor Beverly White, City Manager Misty Hill, Anne Knight, Emil Stalis, George Underwood.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Adrienne French..

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON AND SECRETARY:** Commissioner Paula Janiga nominated French to continue to serve as chairperson in 2025. The nomination was seconded by Commissioner Clifford Gillilan and approved unanimously. Janiga then nominated Secretary William Deegans to continue to serve as secretary in 2025. That motion was seconded by Gillilan and approved unanimously.

*Emil Stalis, 331 Lafayette Street. Change size of addition which was previously approved at an HLC meeting held in March 2022. Materials and colors will be unchanged from those approved..*

Applicant requested to be allowed to shorten a previously approved porch/addition (approved in March 2022). Written documentation attached to the current application indicates that Stalis had received new information from an arborist about the negative impact of the proposed addition on a more-than a century old tree located behind the house. That information now leads the applicant to ask for permission to shorten the proposed addition to be in line with the existing rear footprint of the house and existing patio, using the same materials and colors previously approved.

Gillilan moved approval of the application, seconded by French, and approved 4-0. French cited page 47, sections A-D, of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision.

*Virginian Land Company, 906 Washington Street West. Install 24-gauge black coping cap to parapet wall.*

The applicant explained that her roofer had advised her not to patch the flat part of the roof, but to instead run membrane up the parapet. That membrane will be dark bronze in color.

Gillilan moved approval of the application, seconded by Janiga. The motion passed on a 4-0 vote. French cited page 54, sections A-F, of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision.

*George Underwood, 279 Foster Street. Install 6'x6' shed..*

Noting the absence of the applicant, commissioners reviewed the written documentation accompanying the application and, having no questions, Gillilan made a motion to approve, seconded by Deegans. The application was approved on a 4-0 vote. French cited pages 44 and 45, sections A-F, along with section A on page 37 of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision.

Later in the meeting, Underwood walked into the meeting room. French advised him of the outcome of the earlier vote and invited him to present the information he had prepared in support of his application, if he so wished. He described the wormy chestnut shed as being built in Williamsburg in the 1930s. He noted that his wife bought the building in February 2024 and showed him what she wanted it to look like, but she passed away before her plans could come to fruition. Underwood thanked the Commission for approving those plans.

*Florian Schleiff, 151 Feamster Road. Construct garage..*

Noting the absence of the applicant, commissioners reviewed the written documentation accompanying the application for a new garage with a third bay. A sketched floor plan in the file indicated the structure would have a second floor designated for storage.

During the review, commissioners raised several questions about changes made to the plans following an earlier presentation of garage plans for this same property. Those questions included window specs, the addition of a second story and the expansion of the structure's width due to the third garage bay.

French made a motion to table the application, pending additional information. Janiga seconded the motion, which passed on a 4-0 vote.

**NOTE:**The agenda indicated that an application from Z 2 LLC, 787 Court Street South, for a paint color change was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

**COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION:** Deegans asked if city officials had any updates on a legal matter. City Manager Misty Hill said City Attorney Tom White is researching the issue.

Gillilan asked city officials to pass along congratulations to city workers for the task of clearing recent snowfall from streets and parking spaces and for the Green Space Park's Christmas tree display.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Deegans, and approved 4-0, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Alvey  
Recording Officer