

**City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2018
Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers
942 Washington Street, West, Lewisburg, WV**

PRESENT: Commission members, Skip Deegans, Donna Johns, Paul Lindquist, Gary Roper; Zoning Officer Chuck Smith, Planning & Zoning Clerk Marsha Cunningham, Recording Officer Peggy Mackenzie

ABSENT: Commission Chair Carol Olson

VISITORS: Jill Allman, Pat Baker, Jonathan & Marianne Blakeslee, Jackson Bowling, Elizabeth Clark, Richard Grist, Jim Morgan, Jorn Mork, Florian Schleiff, Lindsey Sykes, Rachel Warner

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Commission member Skip Deegans. No comments from the public were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of May 14, 2018 were approved with changes by Commission member Paul Lindquist and seconded by Commission member Gary Roper. With four (4) in favor, no oppositions and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Jackson Bowling, 439 Randolph Street, New concrete sidewalk and landing

Jackson Bowling requested to install a concrete sidewalk and landing at the rear of his house. He said the installation would not be visible to the street. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Roper and seconded by Commission member Donna Johns. With four (4) in favor, no oppositions and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Wandering Bird Gallery,
934 Washington Street West, Install outdoor overhead signage**

Jorn Mork has purchased The Washington Street Gallery and requested approval for a new sign. She said she will paint the image for the sign, which will then be photographed and converted to a vinyl image for placement on MDO. The sign will be 26" by 46" set on existing brackets. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Lindquist and seconded by Commission member Donna Johns. With four (4) in favor, no oppositions and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: GVRP, 970 Jefferson Street North, Move building from the 100 Lafayette Street address, owned by Blakeslee Rentals, 100 yards to the property address of 109 Lafayette Street; change the porch roof line from flat to pitch, replace old fence with wooden picket fence, re-roof with architectural brown shingles and repaint house siding same color

Commission member Lindquist recused himself for this item and the following agenda item of the meeting.

Florian Schleiff, contractor for the project, stated the Blakeslee house at the east end of Lafayette Street was prone to frequent flooding. When the Withrow property came up for sale, the opportunity arose to

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move the Blakeslee's house in its entirety to the Withrow property, situating it behind Colin Rose's property. Jonathan Blakeslee said he wants to alter the roofline of the porch after the move for a more attractive appearance, and to re-roof the entire house with architectural shingles in brown, repaint the siding with same color paint and replace a wire fence with a 3-foot high unpainted wood picket fence, allowed to weather naturally. The house foundation will be four courses of cinder block, Schleiff said. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Roper and seconded by Commission member Johns. With three (3) in favor, no oppositions, one (1) absent, and one (1) recused, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Presentation and construction of the Market Depot building,
Montwell Park, Jefferson Street North**

Schleiff said it is the desire of the Greenbrier Valley Renovation Project to serve as a connection point to the community by providing vital services. With no grocery store in Lewisburg, GVRP want to provide space for local farmers to market their produce to the public. The approximately 1,500 square foot, 2-story building will be constructed with the top story level with the upper parking lot at Montwell Park where the market will be located. The lower floor will be a walkout basement where public restrooms will be installed, plus a walk-in cooler for storage of produce. The building materials will match the other buildings in the compound, to include vertical hemlock board and batten, galvalume standing seam metal roofing, down spouts and gutters, metal-clad windows and custom-made wood doors. Commission member Deegans suggested that a plaque could be installed on the building, using grant funding, to provide the public with various historic references. A motion to approve was made by Commission member Johns, with conditions that additions to the drawing plans reflect that the basement's rear concrete wall is to be covered with a stone veneer, the bandboard is topped with board and batten on all sides and the concrete posts at the rear of the basement are round, not square. The motion was seconded by Commission member Roper and seconded by Commission member Johns. With three (3) in favor, no oppositions, one (1) recused and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Coleman Kuhn,
1046 East Washington Street, replace terra cotta roof with new edge metal in brown**

Zoning Officer Chuck Smith stated owner Coleman Kuhn requests permission to replace the structure's terra cotta coping along the parapet wall with a metal coping cap in a brown color. The roofing will also be replaced with EPDM in black, however it will not be visible to the street. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Lindquist and seconded by Commission member Johns. With four (4) in favor, no opposition, and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: William Deegans, 1235 Washington Street East.

Install two new lamps on a previously approved brick retaining wall.

Commission member Deegans recused himself from this portion of the meeting.

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Deegans stated he wants to install two outdoor, black metal lighting fixtures to a low brick retaining wall at his residence. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Roper and seconded by Commission member Johns. With three (3) in favor, no oppositions, one (1) recused and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM ZONING OFFICER: Chuck Smith

A proposal was made by Heather Rose to install wall murals painted by artists to the sides (but not the front faces) of some of the downtown buildings. The quality of the art work and the subject matter were expressed concerns of the HLC members. It was determined that only on a case by case basis, with owner of the building as the applicant, would the HLC consider the proposal.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP: Deegans said the Baldwin property on Washington Street East is not ready to be placed on the July agenda because information for the new windows is not yet available. He said the front facade of the building has been removed and supports are holding up the second floor.

The Greenbrier Real Estate building on Washington Street East has been looked at by both Michael Mills and Allegheny Restoration with regard to repairs to the windows. Smith said approval would not be needed by the HLC if only repairs, and not replacements, are done to the windows.

Schleiff presented Richard Grist's project for review, stating his Washington Street real estate office has metal siding and cornices that are in bad shape. Jerry Janica will be making a presentation for the project at the next HLC meeting, but had design questions to put before the HLC before making his presentation. Grist wants the building to be included in the Historical Society's walking tour and so wants to upgrade the materials for the project. He asked whether the HLC would have concerns if the shutters were removed and if there was an objection to replacing the existing vinyl windows with windows of metal casings and wood interior. Janica's plan, he said, is to unify the building design. The project will likely have more than one phase for completion. The HLC appeared favorable to the changes but asked to see early photos of the structure, which, Grist said, Janica will provide.

The next meeting will be held on July 9, 2018 with a deadline of June 22, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m. in a motion by Commission member Lindquist and seconded by Commission member Johns.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Mackenzie
Recording Officer