

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes ~ September 14, 2020
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV

PRESENT: Commission Chair Paul Lindquist; Commission members David Craddock, Skip Deegans, Donna Johns, Clifford Gillilian; Planning & Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham, Interim City Manager Misty Hill, Mayor Beverly White, Architect Consultant Michael Mills, Recording Officer Peggy Mackenzie

VISITORS: Adrienne French, Jerry Janiga, Julian & Martha Meadows, Matthew Merriman, Nan Morgan, Lucie & Scott Refsland, Lance Syner

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Commission Chair Paul Lindquist. There were no public comments offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of August 10, 2020 were approved with corrections in a motion by Commission member Clifford Gillilian and seconded by Commission member David Craddock. With all in favor, the motion carried.

***Public Hearing:** Matthew Merriman, 164 Lightner Avenue ~ Metal roof request*

Matthew Merriman, who appeared before the HLC a second time, has reapplied for permission to install a metal roof to his residence, backed with photos of other residences and businesses with the same exposed fastener roofing system.

Lindquist stated that at the August 10, 2020 meeting, the HLC and Architect Consultant Michael Mills did not find the selected metal roofing appropriate for residential application nor that the expense of a different metal roofing was too costly. Commission member Skip Deegans asked whether Merriman had sought to consult with City administration. Interim City Manager Misty Hill confirmed that he had, and that, having done due diligence, he was approved to reapply to HLC. Given the era (1960s) of the construction of the home, she said administration determined that it was proper for his request to stand. The Commission moved forward with the request with a motion to approve the application as presented by Commission member Gillilian and seconded by Commission member Donna Johns. With four (4) in favor and one (1) opposed, the motion carried with Deegans opposing.

***Public Hearing:** Lucie Refsland, West Virginia Daily News, 188 Foster Street
Door replacement from single door to double metal door*

Scott Refsland said the need for a door replacement was due to a previous flooding event(s), which rotted out the original wood door. To maintain a low humidity factor for new equipment needed to continue printing the paper, the carpeting had to be removed/replaced, and a steel double door was selected to replace the old door as well. The Commission and Mills agreed the door should be painted the same color as was previously in place (maroon). A motion to approve

as presented was made by Commission member Deegans and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With all in favor, the motion carried.
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Public Hearing: Lucie Refsland, 650 Court Street
Install a fire door and access deck to the door

The Commission approved the application for a fire door and access deck with no further discussion in a motion by Commission member Johns, seconded by Commission member Deegans. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Nan Morgan, 136 Bittles Cove ~ Replace cedar shingles with black shingles

Nan Morgan stated the cedar shingles only lasted 11 years and she was seeking to replace the old roofing with asphalt shingles. She included photos of her choices, which Hill said were actually images of architectural shingles, defined by their texture and shadow-line profiles. Morgan changed her preference to a gray shingle color and not black. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Deegans. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Julian Meadows, 131 Park Place
Install a roof addition over portion of existing deck, reroof the existing room addition with same materials and color, replace gutters from 4" to 6"

Clifford Gillilian abstained himself from this portion of the meeting. Julian Meadows said the roof extension is 9-feet by 15-feet and will be shingled with the same material as existing. Gutters on existing will be replaced with 6-inch guttering on both roofs. Meadows said there is a metal roof beneath the decking, which houses a storage area, and which should deflect and route storm water away from the residence. Extensive images were provided and all materials of the project, sizes and color will match existing on the house, he said. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Deegans and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Lynette Faith Payne, 1459 Washington Street East ~ Four-foot fence

Deegans stated the applicant has decided not to go through with the original plan for the fence. Instead Payne wants to extend the black metal fencing, like that around the pool area, to include the entire back yard, four-feet in height throughout. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Gillilian and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Court & Stratton ~ Exterior renovation Building 2 & Building 4

Lance Syner stated the plate glass windows will be removed and replaced on Bldg 2, formerly occupied by the Family Court. The cedar on the awning will be replaced with standing seam metal, and painted black. The old Cakes 'n' Cones location, Bldg 4, will house Greenbrier Printing (once Bldg 1 is demolished), and undergo a facelift with repainting the masonry (Sherwin Wms.

Monterrey White) and wood paneling and door (Sherwin Wms. Kendal Green). The entry door swing will be changed for a fire exit. Four wall-mounted, downward casting lighting sconces in black will be added as well. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Deegans and seconded by Commission member Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Adrienne French, 951 Washington Street West ~ Sign application

P&Z Officer Marsha Cunningham stated shop owner Adrienne French requests to approve a 36-inch diameter circular sign to hang from an existing bracket. French also asked to make repairs to a cracked sidewalk area near the entrance way, matching paint color with existing. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

COMMENTS from the COMMISSION: Deegans said Montwell Commons “needs to get its act together.” Temporary banners are beginning to look permanent and signs are not well located. There needs to be an agreement on sign placements. Lindquist agreed, stating, “Good point,” and added he will bring the topic up with property overseer, Cliff Baker.

COMMENTS from ZONING OFFICER: Cunningham said damage to a monument at the Greenbrier County Courthouse will be repaired by Joshua Adamo with exactly matching color and will be completed by the end of October. Deegans stated that the repairs have being approved by a National Parks Service “key guy.” An awning at Bartos Financial, at 215 Washington Street, has been hit once again by a truck.

The next HLC meeting is set for October 19, 2020 with a deadline of October 1, 2020.

Interim City Manager Hill had questions for the Commission, asking why they approved Refsland’s application for the double metal doors when they were already approved in the August 10, 2020 meeting? Additionally, apparently Colin Rose told French he had taken care of all her applications, allowing the sign at her shop to be installed prior to getting an approval. “I don’t want the integrity of the HLC to be bypassed,” she said. In the future, work has to done after approvals have been received. A fine or a penalty, was suggested by several on the Commission. Moving forward, Hill said, “Not calling them out when things are done without approval tends to give the impression the HLC’s authority is not being accounted for or to be considered. So we have to do something to stand on in the future.” Cunningham said she will begin to track HLC offenders much like she tracks contractors’ offenses.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m. in a motion by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Gillilian.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Mackenzie,
Recording Officer

