

**City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes ~ March 9, 2020
Paul R. Cooley Council Chambers
942 Washington Street, West, Lewisburg, WV**

PRESENT: Commission Chair Carol Olson; Commission members David Craddock, Donna Johns, Paul Lindquist; Planning & Zoning Clerk Marsha Cunningham, Recording Officer Peggy Mackenzie

ABSENT: Commission member Skip Deegans

VISITORS: Bonnie Brooks, Paul Detch, Chuck Hancock, Aaron Hoffman, Scott McClelland, Emil Stalis, Mayor Beverly White

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Commission Chair Carol Olson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of *February 10, 2020* were approved as presented in a motion by Commission member David Craddock and seconded by Commission member Donna Johns. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

COMMENTS from the PUBLIC: A comment from the public was offered by contractor Chuck Hancock for property owner Bonnie Brooks at 229 Echols Lane. He requested approval to remove the aluminum siding on the structure in order to prepare to paint the original lap siding in Dover White. The HLC agreed that staff permission would be appropriate given that Brooks will put in an application for the next HLC meeting for further upgrade approvals.

Public Hearing: Scott McClelland, 140 Lightner Avenue

Replace existing damaged deck and to extend it by 4'8". The new deck will have a partial gabled roof covering to match the pitch of the roof and same shingles

McClelland provided photos of the existing deck and a sample image of the projected new deck. The second-story 8 foot x 40 foot deck is not visible from the street; it is an eyesore and is not safe to use, he said. The new deck will be broader by 4 feet to be finished at 12 feet wide in one section and 16 feet wide in the remaining section by 40 feet in length. The posts and deck supports will be done in treated composite wood decking for lower maintenance. Black aluminum railings, architectural shingles for the roof, that closely matches the roof color on the house will also be new additions, and the staircase will extend further than the original to accommodate a more favorable rise. Hancock said Building Inspector Ray Still will review the project to insure it is up to code. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Historical General Lewis Inn, 1236 Washington Street East

Install new ductless, mini split system for the dining room with a compressor to be located on the East side of the building, concealed behind basement access roof. Line sets will be concealed by a U-Channel, painted to match the white exterior wall.

The current issue at the historic inn addresses the outdated heating system and a gradual upgrade of the stand alone heat pumps with a ductless mini split system at utilitarian end of the structure by the kitchen painted to match the exterior wall. Commission member Paul Lindquist noted that even though

the current installation, installed in 1986, is still functioning, the upgrade is necessary because each of the 24 rooms need to be on their own system. Owner Aaron Hoffman confirmed the exterior brick repairs, an issue at a previous HLC meeting, were completed and painted by Allen Shaffer, including the all-thread pieces anchored to the wall. Martin Schleiff, he said, will create the anchor plates in the shape of a 30 inch x 36 inch "S" for the settlement issue in the dining room section of the structure. A motion to approve the anchor plate design and the new mini ductless split system for the dining room renovation as presented was made by Commission member Lindquist and seconded by Commission member Johns. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Paul Detch

Install a ground sign on a post, circular in shape, colors-blue, white, gold and green

Detch said the sign is a replacement for Blue Skies Ahead at the North Court Street meeting location, sized at 24 inches round on MDO using acrylic paint and layers of polyurethane applied overall. The HLC agreed the design and colors were attractive, which Detch had created. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

COMMENTS from the ZONING CLERK: Marsha Cunningham stated Katie Eads' fence permit at her residence on Jefferson Street was renewed, and that Tia Bouman's request to replace windows with same was also approved. Cunningham said the Windows Workshop, scheduled for May 2, 2020, will be open only to 12 West Virginia contractors who will need to register at City Hall. Derick Smith will conduct the workshop. This workshop is in support of the Preservation Alliance of WV annual windows workshops set for three locations in the state.

COMMENTS from the COMMISSION: Chair Olson said interviews are ongoing for a replacement Zoning Officer. The next HLC meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m. in a motion by Commission member Lindquist and seconded by Commission member Johns.

Respectfully submitted,
Peggy Mackenzie
Recording Officer