

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes ~ October 19, 2020
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV

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

ABSENT: Interim City Manager Misty Hill

VISITORS: Cliff Baker, Christine Chwirut, Sally Cooper, Brad Cornwell, Andrew Edwards, Travis Farley, Aaron Gwinn, Martha Hylton, Ed Johns, Florian Schleiff, Amanda Workman, Greg Zaphros

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m. by Commission Chair Paul Lindquist. No comments from the public were offered. Lindquist stated that Lucie Refsland's application (#12) had been withdrawn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of September 14, 2020 were approved as presented in a motion by Commission member Skip Deegans and seconded by Commission member Donna Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

(Note: Minutes for the meeting are presented in the same order as printed in the agenda for clarity.)

Public Hearing: *The Shoe Box, 847 Court Street N. ~ 16"x36" double-sided sign*

A double-sided sign by sign artist Brad Cornwell with the logo in black to hang on an existing metal bracket, was approved as presented in a motion by Commission member David Craddock and seconded by Commission member Clifford Gillilian. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: *Jeremy's Barber Shop ~16"x36" double-sided sign; paint exterior of building*

Cornwell said the all wood sign with vinyl lettering is to be incorporated with another sign on an existing bracket. The application includes painting the building with the following colors: Classic French Grey for the exterior surface, Turkish Tile for the windows and Teal Stencil on the door. A motion to approve, contingent upon the commission members viewing and approving the color samples in person (sample colors were not clear via teleconference), was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Deegans. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Little Black Box, 818 Jefferson Street S. ~ 36"x48" double-sided sign

Cornwell stated the double-sided sign will hang from a metal scroll bracket. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and was seconded by Commission member Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

The next three applications, each requesting approval of separate double-sided signs at the same address on Washington Street East, were presented by Martha Hylton. The Commission stated that each sign must be recognizable from the street. Each were approved as presented, with all in favor.

Public Hearing: Fathom Realty LLC, 1034 Washington Street ~ 6.5 Sq Ft double sided sign.
Motion by Commission member Deegans; seconded by Commission member Johns.

Public Hearing: Entrusted Auctions, 1034 Washington Street E ~ 2.3 Sq Ft double sided sign.
Motion by Commission member Craddock; seconded by Commission member Deegans.

Public Hearing: Vision Quest Realty, 1034 Washington Street E ~ 2.3 Sq Ft doubled sided sign
Motion by Commission member Deegans; seconded by Commission member Johns.

Public Hearing: Young at Art, 1042 Washington Street ~ Window and door signs

Travis Farley requested a sign to be painted on the inside of the window and door of the shop in acrylic paint. The HLC commission stated no application was necessary for any interior signage, even when viewed from the outside, as long as it is applied to the interior of the shop. A motion to approve was made by Commission member Johns and seconded by Commission member Deegans. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Andrew Edwards, 324 Lafayette Street
Paint front porch floor boards Roycroft Pewter, paint main entrance Classic Yellow

Deegans asked presenter Aaron Gwinn whether a screen door was to be added. Gwinn said the original wood and screen door had been removed and stored in the basement, and would be painted in the same Classic Yellow as the entry door. A motion to approve the application as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Wheatley, 158 Austin Street ~ Replace post yard lighting with a pole lamp

Two neighbors of Mrs. Wheatley signed a letter requesting to contest the bright external light fixtures that surround her home because of the impact they make in shining into the windows of their residences at night. The complainants, Gregory Zaphros, his wife Sally Cooper and neighbor Christine Chwirut, stated the problem is the intensity of the lighting and that it shines directly onto their properties and into bedroom windows. "Four lights at 150 watts each are aimed at our house," Zaphros said. Deegans stated that there were security lights on a side yard

which were not up to code when Mrs. Wheatley purchased the property. She was recommended to replace them with street lamps. Lindquist asked whether this was a question for the Zoning Officer or the City Building Inspector. Zaphros replied that when he called City Hall, he was referred to HLC. The question of which department has the authority to address exterior lighting on residences was given to Interim City Manager Misty Hill to research. The agenda item was recommended to be tabled in a motion by Commission member Craddock and was seconded by Commission member Johns. With all in favor, the motion carried.

***Public Hearing:** GVRP, 970-990 Jefferson Street N ~ Complete driveway and lower parking lots, build a retaining wall with 3-foot high board safety fence, and pour a cement dumpster pad*

Chair Lindquist recused himself from this portion of the meeting.

Florian Schleiff requested approval to continue the installation of the water-permeable pavers, which were installed on the upper parking area, for the paving of the lower parking lot down to the Lafayette entrance to the property. The three-foot fence addition will shield the GVRP property view of the Asylum's backyard area. Schleiff said a fence is also needed around the dumpster area. A motion to approve was made by Commission member Johns and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With four (4) in favor, one (1) recused and no opposition, the motion carried.

Old Stone Presbyterian Church Cemetery ~ Install a metal fence in the cemetery (Erskine plot)

Deegans said an old Victorian fence was purchased, rehabed to fit the site and painted black. 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.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m. in a motion by Commission member Deegans and seconded by Commission member Johns.
Respectfully submitted, Peggy Mackenzie, Recording Officer