

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmarks Commission
Meeting Minutes ~ February 8, 2021
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV
Via Teleconference

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

ABSENT: none

VISITORS: Margaret Kulkarni, Larry Smead, Tammy Shifflett-Tincher, Deva Wagner

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Commission Chair Paul Lindquist. No public comments were offered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The minutes of December 14, 2020 were approved as presented in a motion by Commission member Clifford Gillilian and seconded by Commission member David Craddock. With five (5) in favor and no opposed, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Larry Smead, 1324 Washington Street East ~ Replace broken garage door with a Wayne Dalton steel door without windows (white in color)

Larry Smead said a roller broke off the garage door opener mechanism and fell against and broke a portion of the wooden garage door. Since the driveway is often used as a basketball court, to avoid more broken windows, he wishes to opt for a white steel door replacement without windows. A motion to approve the application as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Gillilian. With five (5) in favor and no opposed, the motion carried.

Public Hearing: Deva Wagner, 967 Washington Street West ~ Paint the front of Wolf Creek Shop (Polished Concrete #9167 Sherwin Williams); repair upper and lower window trim and paint the trim and door (Rockwood Shutter Green #2809 or #2810 Sherwin Williams)

Due to years of rain and sunlight exposure, Deva Wagner said the front façade of her shop, Wolf Creek, is looking dingy with cracks and rot at the sidewalk level and around the windows. She proposed to upgrade with fresh paint to the siding and window trim, and repair all with like materials in the same colors (or close as possible). Architect Consultant Michael Mills supported replacing the window trim with PVC, with the condition that the smooth side is exposed. A motion to approve as presented, with the condition noted above, was made by Commission member Donna Johns and seconded by Commission member Skip Deegans. With five (5) in favor and no opposed, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Margaret Kulkarni ~ Request to move Sears Kit House building
at 942 Court Street North across the alley to the Preston property**

Margaret Preston Kulkarni stated the Sears Kit House, known as the Wesley House, had a deadline of March 31 to remove it from the site next to the Greenbrier County Courthouse because otherwise it would be demolished. Her aim was to move it a mere 90 feet away, preserve it and give the historic structure functional use. She had secured a moving company from North Carolina after a local moving firm determined it was not able to handle the weight of the structure without removing some internal elements. Martin Schleiff will handle the foundation work and reattach the utilities at the new location. The house will face Court Street with the same setback. The move will require the removal of one tree in the front of the house. County Commissioner Tammy Shifflett-Tincher, who has “gone to bat for this project,” added that several trees along the alley way will also have to be removed to complete the move to the Preston property. Kulkarni asked to have the driveway entrance to the site be from the alley. Tincher said she would discuss the request with the other two county commissioners. She said the new address will be 958 Court Street North. A motion to approve the application as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Deegans. With five (5) in favor and no opposed, the motion carried.

COMMENTS from the ZONING OFFICER: Marsha Cunningham reported on three items in which there have been delays or failures to meet compliance deadlines.

Three Montwell Commons businesses were required to have new signage in place by Dec. 31, 2020 but they were not done. Cliff Baker called Cunningham to ask again for the required sizes for the signs.

Although Eric Hall is on the BZA’s February 28, 2021 agenda for a variance to a four-foot fence in the rear of his Washington Street property for his dog, he has not applied to HLC for a permit for the fence.

A wire fence was installed at the Preston house without a permit application. Citing no time to apply because of Covid-19, the owner still has not submitted an application for the fence.

In all three cases, Cunningham has been in contact asking compliance from the property owners. The HLC advised her to send letters to Hall and Preston telling them to complete the required processes within 10 days or tear down the fence structures.

The next HLC meeting is scheduled for March 8, 2021 with a deadline of February 19, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m. in a motion by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Deegans.

Respectfully submitted, Peggy Mackenzie, Recording Officer