

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

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

**ABSENT:** Commission member Clifford Gillilian

**VISITORS:** Josh Baldwin, Tia Bouman, Jackson Bowling, Ryan Brady, Ross German, Doug Hurst, Skip Kight, Andrew Must, Devon Preston, Martin Schleiff, Rebecca Stalnaker, Lance Syner, Mayor Beverly White

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Commission Chair Paul Lindquist. No public comments were offered.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes of *February 8, 2021* were approved with corrections in a motion by Commission member David Craddock and seconded by Commission member Skip Deegans. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Briergarten, 121 Stratton Alley, Suite 9 ~ Sign permit**

Josh Baldwin and Lance Syner requested approval for a sign at a small beer garden location, scheduled to open on April 1, 2021. Baldwin noted that the Planning Commission approved a conditional use permit for the exterior dining area. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Donna Johns and seconded by Commission member Deegans. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Hill and Holler, 970 Jefferson Street North ~ (1) 30" x 48" double sided sign on Rte. 219, (1) 28.25" x 45.75" single sided sign mounted on building, (1) 20" x 48" single sided sign mounted at rear entrance, (1) 12" x 36" directional sign**

Of the four sign approvals requested only the double-sided one at the Rte. 219 entrance to the Montwell Commons property was discussed in detail by designer Jackson Bowling. The sign is an ACM aluminum composite with premium vinyl 22 carat gold lettering elements, clear-coated and a UV-protected finish. Martin Schleiff, who is doing the metalwork and installing the poles for the signs, stated the project should be completed within 4 weeks. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns. With three (3) in favor, one (1) recused and one (1) absent, the motion carried. Commission Chair Lindquist recused himself for this portion of the meeting.

**Public Hearing: Doug Hurst, 245 Church Street ~ Install a 10 x 12-foot garden shed**

Property owner Doug Hurst said the shed will have the best grade of horizontal lap siding, painted a satin gray with white trim and the roof will be an A-frame, low wall design. 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: John “Skip” Kight, 100 Chestnut Street ~ Install a railing on the second story flat roof, install windows on the sunporch, decreasing size from 5 feet to 4½ feet**

Skip Kight stated that his application to redo the sunporch had expired, but that he was now ready to renew the total project with immediate attention made to replace the railing along the top of the roof, which had rotted and was removed. The urgency resulted from an insurance inspector’s report that Kight’s home insurance would be not be renewed without a replacement railing installed. The old railing’s posts gave insufficient support, according to Tia Bouman, who provided a redesigned, more secure, railing by adding three supports per side and four for the front with vertical pickets. Contractor Ryan Brady confirmed the railing will be coated with a long-lasting water-resistant paint. The sunporch windows will be a high-grade Series E Anderson with true divided lights, metal exteriors, wood clad interiors, exterior muttons, and in a casement style that swing out. A French door facing the driveway will also be the same /series E quality installation. All materials will be in keeping with the materials used on the rest of the house, Brady said. The application for the design of the sunporch was previously approved by HLC in 2016/17. Architect Consultant Michael Mills stated he supports the sunporch design. A motion to approve the application 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 Notice: Montwell Commons, 970 Jefferson Street ~ Build a new 22’ x 24’ deck addition on the back side of Hill and Holler**

Martin Schleiff stated the existing deck will be expanded to yield more outdoor customer seating. The expansion will extend in the direction of the creek and barracks, involve the removal of one railing, and be set atop additional 6 x 6-inch pressure-treated posts. A motion to approve as presented was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns. With three (3) in favor, one (1) recused and one (1) absent, the motion carried. Commission Chair Lindquist recused himself for this portion of the meeting.

**Public Notice: James DeHaven, 1255 Washington Street East ~ Construct a new 25’ x 64’ garage with an apartment above it**

Four years after the main house was renovated, contractor Schleiff said DeHaven now wants a carriage house style garage built to house his car collection. The garage will be located in the rear right side of the property, have five stalls and include a 100 square foot efficiency apartment upstairs suitable for guests. Self-contained with water, sewer and gas, it will be designed to complement the house design and will not be used as a rental unit. A shed currently occupies the planned garage site. Schleiff was advised by Deegans that since it was portable and not historic, he could have it removed, but a separate application would be required by the HLC. A motion to approve as presented, with the condition that a sample color of the roof be presented to two Commissioners for approval, was made by Commission member Deegans and seconded by Commission member Johns. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: Devon Preston, 996 Court Street ~ Fence permit**

Devon Preston requested to install a picket fence to keep his dog on the property. The fence will have three gates, two in front and a third near the driveway for lawnmower access, and be painted White

Dove to match the trim on the house. A motion to approve the application as presented was made by Commission member Deegans and seconded by Commission member Craddock. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**Public Hearing: The Greenbrier Mercantile, 1046 Washington Street West ~ Rebuild back steps, add a deck to the back of the building and replace broken windows**

This project was approved by HLC in 2017/18, said owner Andrew Must, and included restoring the front and sides of the building, which he was able to do within the appropriate time frame. After three years, he is now ready to “tackle” the rear side of the building, which, he said, has lain in disrepair for years. A two panel, six-light windowed door was presented for the upstairs back entry. Must proposed installing one over one windows at the rear of the structure, though the original windows had been six over six. Although he only had photos of the front of the building as a reference, Mills suggested, “Better to yield to six over six.” A motion to approve as presented, amended to include six over six windows, was made by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Deegans. With four (4) in favor and one (1) absent, the motion carried.

**COMMENTS from the COMMISSION:** Deegans reported that an issue has developed with the Sears house-moving project between adjacent property owner Kilkarni and the Greenbrier County Commission. It turns out the last town survey done by David Taylor did not determine that the Sears structure had historic status, leaving Kilkarni without the benefit of a tax credit. Deegans said, according to State Historic Preservation officials (SHPO), the survey could be amended, and Deegans was willing to do it. Going forward, Planning & Zoning Officer Marsha Cunningham said Kilkarni has hired new movers (Wolfhound Movers from PA), The City license has been paid and Kilkarni has applied for a moving permit.

Lindquist announced that William “Skip” Deegans was nominated as a West Virginia History Hero by Friends of Old Stone Cemetery for his dedicated volunteer work to preserve the cemetery headstones, and for his postings of WV history articles in the newspapers in honor of WV Archives & History’s West Virginia History Day, celebrated on March 1, 2021.

**COMMENTS from P & Z OFFICER:** Cunningham said Dr. Wilson sold his property at 122 Courtney Drive and that the new owners may want to reapply for an application to remove the chimneys, which Wilson had applied an application for and was disapproved by the HLC. The Wilson property has also undergone damage to the foundation due to flooding rains and, Cunningham said, that issue was handled by administrative approval. A retaining wall for the same property will be addressed at the next HLC meeting, she said, as well as a roof application for Merryman. Cunningham said revisions to the HLC guidelines have been delayed.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2021, with a deadline of March 26, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m. in a motion by Commission member Craddock and seconded by Commission member Johns.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Mackenzie,

Recording Officer