

City of Lewisburg
Historic Landmark Commission Regular Session
Meeting Minutes — December 9, 2024, 5:00 p.m.
942 Washington Street West, Lewisburg, WV
Paul L. Cooley Council Chambers

PRESENT: Chairperson Adrienne French, Secretary William Deegans; Commissioners Paula Janiga, Clifford Gillilan and Andrea Izzo; Zoning Officer Nick Sloan; Planning and Zoning Assistant Marsha Cunningham; HLC consultant Michael Mills (via ZOOM); Recording Officer Tina Alvey.

ABSENT: None.

VISITORS: Mayor Beverly White, City Manager Misty Hill, Jerry Janiga, Anne Knight, Bryan Seldomridge, Aaron Huffman, Sam Argabright, Randy Phillips, Alex Smith, Amy Mills.

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson Adrienne French..

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC: Mayor Beverly White welcomed new Commissioner Andrea Izzo.

Anne Knight addressed the Commission regarding the previous discussion of the color of paint used on the exterior of a business located at 1034 Washington Street East. She said she is still receiving negative comments from others about the shade of paint used on the building and that she had worked extensively with paint specialists to arrive at a solution. If the city agrees, she said she would pay for new paint in an acceptable color, plus half the labor cost, but she believes the city should also pay a portion of the cost. French thanked Knight for her presentation. No action was taken, as the issue was not on the meeting agenda.

Alex Smith, 180 Courtney Drive. Install a hand-seamed copper roof on porch.

Representing the applicant, Randy Phillips said the current proposal for a copper roof replaces a previous proposal for a natural cedar roof.

Commissioner Clifford Gillilan moved approval of the application, seconded by Secretary William Deegans, and approved 5-0. French cited page 44 of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision.

Bryan Seldomridge, 703 Jefferson Street South. Replace existing sign..

The applicant said the sign in question is a ground sign measuring 37"x71"x.75". The new sign will be supported by existing brick pillars.

Commissioner Paula Janiga moved approval of the application, seconded by Deegans. The motion passed on a 5-0 vote. French cited page 35, section A, of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision.

Travis and Katie Eads, 721 Jefferson Street South. Front yard modification and new driveway entrance.

Representing the applicant, contractor Sam Argabright said that during heavy rainstorms, the driveway at his clients' low-lying property "turns into a swimming pool." They are now attempting to minimize hard surfaces and have contacted Terradon for help. They also are awaiting approval from the state for their plans. When French requested a list of materials and samples, Argabright said his clients ask that the Commission table the request until after a test can be conducted on the capacity of the property's injection well.

Following a discussion among Argabright, City Manager Misty Hill and HLC consultant Michael Mills about the collection of data, which concluded with Mills suggesting this plight could be an issue for city engineering rather than the HLC, French advised Argabright to look at the HLC Guidelines and then work with the state Division of Highways to ascertain a course of action.

Izzo made a motion to table the application, seconded by Janiga and approved on a 5-0 vote.

Montwell Commons (in re: Old Red Mill Taphouse), 970 Jefferson Street South. Paint front door..

Speaking on behalf of Montwell Commons, Amy Mills of Old Red Mill Taphouse said she wants to paint her establishment's door red.

French cited a list of considerations found on page 37, section A, of the HLC Guidelines in suggesting that, even though the log building that will house the Taphouse is not actually old, the door would be more in keeping with the structure's style if it were restored to a rustic, unpainted state. French asked if Mills would consider re-staining the wood door instead of painting it. Mills agreed to amend her application to reflect her intent to comply with French's suggestion.

Gillilan moved approval of the amended application, which stipulates that the door will either be stained or otherwise naturally finished, and not painted. Janigga seconded the motion, which passed on a 5-0 vote. French cited pages 37 (section A) and 38 (section C), of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision.

Arrow Properties, 898 Washington Street West. Build new trash receptacle on west side of property and add a new covered staircase and landing on west side..

Representing the applicant, Aaron Huffman said the new trash receptacle will be painted the same color as the building and will contain no restaurant trash from Hill and Holler. He said the proposed porch addition will have a poured concrete foundation, which will not be painted or stuccoed, and a 42" entrance to the building.

Deegans advised Huffman that the dimensions of the proposed porch must be included in the application. French added that expanded drawings of the porch, along with samples of proposed

materials, are necessary.

Gillilan moved approval of the trash receptacle, but tabled consideration of the porch addition, pending additional information. Izzo seconded the motion, which passed on a 5-0 vote. French cited pages 37, 53 and 38 of the HLC Guidelines in support of the decision

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMISSION: French asked that a working session be scheduled in the near future.

COMMENTS FROM THE ZONING OFFICER: Nick Sloan introduced himself as the city's new Zoning Officer.

ADJOURNMENT: Upon motion by Gillilan, seconded by Izzo, and approved 5-0, the meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Alvey
Recording Officer