

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 5, 2020 7:00 P.M.
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman at the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, Michigan at 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Brassfield, Eileen Harryvan, Alek Kokoszka, Gary Roberts, Jill Wilke
Absent: Gayle Timmis, Laura Witty
Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Amanda Davis, Historic Preservation Consultant;
Fred Gallasch, Village Council Liaison

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Kokoszka to approve the agenda, as presented.

**Ayes: Brassfield, Harryvan, Kokoszka, Roberts, Wilke
Nays: None
Absent: Timmis Witty
Motion carried.**

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Special Meeting of January 7, 2020

Motion by Wilke seconded by Brassfield to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of January 7, 2020, as presented.

**Ayes: Brassfield, Harryvan, Kokoszka, Roberts, Wilke
Nays: None
Absent: Timmis, Witty
Motion carried.**

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public was present; no comments were made at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider an Application for a Fence at 26200 Carol Ave.

Randy Huyck, Vice President, Action Fence of Michigan, represented the owner, Melinda Saulson, who was unable to attend. The application was for an exact replacement of the fence on the west side of the house, between the house and the garage.

There was a general discussion about the existing, fencing around the property, which was in disrepair and was an existing non-conforming fence. It was suggested that the owner should repair the rest of the fence. The purpose of the fence was to keep her dog contained on her property.

Roberts suggested that any motion to approve this fence repair/replacement also indicate that the fence along the street and/or any other fence, which was in disrepair, be repaired. This proposed fence would match the rest of the fencing. It was Huyck's understanding that Action Fence of Michigan had installed the original fencing.

Melinda Saulson, property owner, was able to join the meeting.

Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Kokoszka to approve the Application, dated January 22, 2020, for the installation of a fence at 26200 Carol Ave. subject to it being identical to the same fence currently in the rear, in terms of specification, and that the remaining fence on the property be repaired to a good workman-like standard and appearance. This is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, Standard #6.

Ayes: Brassfield, Harryvan, Kokoszka, Roberts, Wilke

Nays: None

Absent: Timmis, Witty

Motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Historic Study Committee Progress.

Roberts updated the Commission of the Historic Study Committee's progress. Davis was responsible for the majority of it, conducting most of the research and correctly formatting the information. At Monday's meeting, Gallasch would be updating Council on the Committee's progress. Roberts asked if anyone had a personal relationship with someone connected to the red house on Romany Way, (which he thought was the oldest one in the Village), the house on Wing Lake Road, or the blue house at the top of the hill along Franklin Road, who might be able to help the committee, which would be appreciated. Davis added that once the information was gathered it should be a quick process to finish the SHPO application.

Roberts also reported on the meeting with the Village's new advisor at SHPO, Alan Higgins, who would be assisting the Village in any way possible. For the benefit of the HDC, some training sessions through SHPO would be set up, possibly in the spring. Davis was very complimentary towards Franklin's new SHPO representative and was very happy with the direction the project was going which had become very frustrating.

Roberts and Davis had a good meeting at the Church; going through boxes, gathering historical information. It was Roberts's thought that the Church was the longest running entity in the Village, and as such, he would like try to talk about placing it on the National Registry, which would include a plaque. The building was only about 70 years old; however, the entity, which originally had a church on German Mill, went back another 100 years and was believed to be the same group. The Church has asked about this possibility and would be very pleased if this could

be accomplished. Davis commented that the Church building itself was not one that stood out as having any architectural significance.

Wilke had noticed that the roof of the barn on Telegraph Road had fallen in. Unfortunately, that barn was a lost cause as there had not been enough interest to preserve it; HDC tried to help.

Kokoszka inquired if there had been information about the Sign Survey, which he could pass on relating to the Cemetery sign. He was told that the report had not yet been received but work was being done on it. Pulker reported that the Cemetery Board had not given her any information, which she could post in her weekly email blast yet.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk