

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 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, MI at 7:04P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Mike Brassfield, Eileen Harryvan, Gary Roberts, Gayle Timmis, Jill Wilke, Laura Witty  
Absent: Garrett Keais  
Also Present: Bill Dinnan, Building Official; Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Amanda Davis, Consultant; Fred Gallasch, Council Member

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Roberts requested that **B. Franklin Grill & Tavern Accessory Building Reconstruction**, under **VIII. Discussion Items** be struck from the Agenda and replaced with **B. Update on the Design Guide**.

**Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Witty to approve the agenda, as amended.  
Motion was approved unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting of April 4, 2018.**

**Motion by Witty, seconded by Wilke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April, 2018 as presented.  
Motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public was present, no comments were made.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Application for a New Sign at 32731 Franklin Road.**

Jason Dickman, owner of Just Guys Apparel, which is a store for young men and boys sportswear, was present. He and his wife are leasing the Gorback building. The proposed sign will be similar in size to that the old Gorback sign, made of ½ inch thick wood primed and painted black with reflective silver vinyl letters. The sign would be mounted with screws to the building and sealed with silicone. There was an existing light on the building which Les Gorback, building owner, had installed but it would be refreshed with a more modern fixture. The outside would remain the same with some repainting of the pillars. Dinnan approved of the size of the sign and commented that it complied with the Ordinance.

Dickman expects to have a soft opening June 1, 2018. Gallasch suggested the he should come to the Village Council meeting on May 14 to speak about the business.

**Motion by Timmis, seconded by Witty to approve the new sign application at 32731 Franklin Road for JUST GUYS APPAREL, as submitted by Jason Dickman on April 25, 2018. The sign would be of wood with silver vinyl reflective lettering on a painted black background. This determination is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**B. Consider New Exterior Trim Paint Color for the Building at 32611 Franklin Road.**

Jacqueline Drake, owner of The Jacqueline Drake Gallery, commented that the new sign had been installed and she has received many compliments. The soft opening is scheduled for this coming weekend for family and friends and the following Saturday would be an Open House for the public. Her request was to paint the shutters black, similar to those of Perlmutter's across Franklin Road. The trim and gutters would remain white and the gable and under the windows would be a cream color. The message under the east gable, "The Town That Time Forgot" would remain.

**Motion by Witty, seconded by Harryvan to approve the application to repaint the shutters and wood trim of the building at 32611 Franklin Road for The Jacqueline Drake Gallery, in the submitted colors: Sherwin Williams Varsity White for the wood portions of the building and Sherwin William Bohemian Black for the shutters. This determination is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**C. Consider Resolution in Support of the Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits, Senate Bill 469/House Bill 5178 and possible referral to Village Council.**

There was a brief discussion about tax credits and its proposed reinstatement. This Resolution was drafted by Michigan Historic Preservation Network. Roberts suggested that individual Commissioners sign and send this, as well.

**Motion by Roberts, seconded by Timmis, on behalf of the Historic District Commission which endorses and supports both Senate Bill 469 and House Bill 5178 requests the Village Council to consider and adopt "A Resolution in Support of the Reinstatement of State Historic Tax Credits Senate Bill 469/House Bill 5178" and send it to the appropriate State Representatives.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Report on Historic Study Committee Progress.**

Roberts reported that there had been a meeting prior to this one and that progress was being made. Roberts noted that there is a List of 30 homes outside the Historic District that were thought to be significant. Davis will email the list to all the Commissioners. Nominations are being taken for other properties which might be considered to be included which the committee

will put on a separate list. Owners would be invited to an early September reception at the Kreger House during which the owners could learn about the importance of having their homes identified as being historically significant to Franklin Village. The Study Committee will be given a new list at its next meeting and asked to drive around the Village looking at those properties.

**B. Update on the Design Guide**

The Village needs to print at least 100 copies of the guideline book and update some of the information in the back. Davis will do those updates.

Roberts personally spoke with the contractor who was working on the Franklin Grill and the house next door and was told the buildings would be stripped; the wood repaired, and repainted the same colors.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk