

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 1, 2020 7:00 P.M.
Remote Zoom.us meeting**

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, via Remote Zoom.us meeting at 7:04 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Brassfield, Gary Roberts, Gayle Timmis, Jill Wilke, Laura Witty

Absent: Alek Kokoszka

Also Present: Bill Dinnan, Building Official; Amanda Davis, Historic Preservation Consultant; Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; J.J. Zielinski, owner of Lighthouse Studios

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Motion by Timmis, seconded by Witty to approve the agenda, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Witty Aye

Brassfield Aye

Wilke Aye

Timmis Aye

Roberts Aye

Absent: Kokoszka

Motion carried.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of June 3, 2020

Motion by Witty, seconded by Wilke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 3, 2020, as presented.

Roll Call Vote

Witty Aye

Brassfield Aye

Timmis Aye

Roberts Aye

Wilke Aye

Absent: Kokoszka

Motion carried.

Roberts thanked everyone for participating in this online meeting. It was his intention to comply with the Open Meetings Act and he intended to give everyone time to speak who wanted to speak.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consider an Application for a Sign at 32751 Franklin Road.

This item was tabled from the June agenda. Due to the Streetscape project there was a question as to the placement of the new sign for the Lighthouse Studios. The Village Administrator has spoken with the Applicant who understood the situation. Zielinski was seeking approval for a replacement of the original sign in the same location.

Zielinski, owner of the Lighthouse Studios, was present and stated he had received an email confirmation approving the same location for the sign. Responding to Roberts, he assured Roberts and HDC that the background of the sign would match the others on the signboard. It would be the same heirloom white background with black lettering as the original. The only difference between this new sign and the original was the addition of the logo graphic. The material for the sign would be wood with a grain texture, as per the guidelines.

Motion by Timmis, second by Wilke to approve the application for an exact replacement and maintenance of the original sign and adding a logo at 32751 Franklin Road, Lighthouse Studios. The sign would be made of high-density urethane woodgrain, painted heirloom white with black lettering and the addition of a logo.

Roll Call Vote

Witty	Aye
Brassfield	Aye
Timmis	Aye
Roberts	Aye
Wilke	Aye
Absent:	Kokoszka

Motion carried.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider an Application for a Demolition at 27260 Fairgrove Ave.

Roberts clarified that this would be a motion to recommend to the Village Council to approve a demolition permit. He described it as a non-descript 1962 Colonial house.

Motion by Timmis, seconded by Witty to recommend to Village Council the approval of the Demolition Permit at 27260 Fairgrove Ave. as there is no historical significance to the structure and is pursuant to the preservation of the trees, as the Ordinance requires. This application was received June 17, 2020.

Regarding Witty's concern about communication with the owner and contractor about the maintenance and preservation of the trees, Dinnan, Building Official, would advise the owner and contractor about complying with the Tree Ordinance. He added that a tree survey and tree replacement permit were submitted today, along with an application to build a new building. Mike Barger, the Village tree arborist, would review the pertinent applications.

There was a discussion about the removal of trees along Telegraph Rd. south of 13 Mile Rd. Dinnan updated the HDC that he had been in contact with a gentleman who had a proposal to divide the 7 existing lots into more lots. They were in discussion about this.

Dinnan reminded the HDC of the heavy penalties if the Tree Ordinance was not followed.

Roll Call Vote

Timmis Aye
Witty Aye
Roberts Aye
Brassfield Aye
Wilke Aye
Absent: Kokoszka

Motion carried.

Dinnan continued his explanation of the activity on Telegraph Rd. It was a redevelopment of the residential lots between Birchway Dr. and Telegraph Rd. He expanded on the history of the property.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Historic Study Committee Progress.

Roberts spoke with Davis who has re-engaged with the owners of those properties on the list and has begun on the report. At the moment she does not need any help of the committee members. Pulker resent the requested list of addresses to her.

Regarding the Meldrum house on Franklin Rd., Roberts suggested that all the correspondence or copies of the correspondence be put in one file.

The only other open issue involves the FCA/Village property.

Roberts announced that at the next Council meeting a new HDC Board member would be appointed. The gentleman lives in the historic house at Franklin Rd. and Evelyn Ct. and will be a good replacement candidate.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk