

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday October 2, 2019 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 7:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Eileen Harryvan Alex Kokoszka, Gary Roberts, Gayle Timmis, Jill Wilke, Laura Witty

Absent: Mike Brassfield

Also Present: Bill Dinnan, Building Official; Fred Gallasch and Bill Lamott, Council Members

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

This item was voted on at the August 7, 2019 meeting.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

Ayes: Harryvan, Kokoszka, Roberts, Timmis, Wilke, Witty

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield

Motion carried.

V. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of August 7, 2019

Motion by Wilke, seconded by Witty to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2019, as presented.

Ayes: Harryvan, Kokoszka, Roberts, Timmis, Wilke, Witty

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield

Motion carried.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chris Rich, German Mill, stated that 15 years ago he had submitted a Fence Application to the Historic District Commission (HDC) for a fence in the back of his house, which had been approved. Now he would like to continue that fence on the east side of his property with a similar one. The existing fence in the rear was 70 “tall.

Dinnan noted this item was under “Public Comments”; therefore, HDC could not make a decision on it tonight. Furthermore, he advised the resident that he needed to submit a Fence Application indicating the type and position of the fence he wished to install. Dinnan would review the application for Ordinance criteria and it would be forwarded to the next Historic District Committee meeting for approval.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider an application for adding a covered porch at 25800 Meadowdale.

Joel Lerman, contractor, representing the new owner of this property was present. The existing deck would be replaced and a covered unheated screened-in porch adjacent to the deck was proposed. The footprint was close to that of the original and the deck most likely would be covered in a composite wood.

Roberts commented that the new porch would not be visible from the street and was in character with the balance of the property.

Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Wilke to approve the Application dated September 26, 2019 to add a covered screened-in porch in the backyard at 25800 Meadowdale. This is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for Rehabilitation #9. A certificate of Approval will be issued.

Ayes: Harryvan, Kokoszka, Roberts, Timmis, Wilke, Witty

Nays: None

Absent: Brassfield

Motion carried.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Report on Historic Study Committee Progress.

Roberts updated the HDC on the Study Committee’s progress. Both he and Pulker sit on that committee which will be meeting a week from tonight, as well as Amanda Davis, consultant, who will be there to help outline the next steps.

He advised the HDC that the Franklin Community Church has voluntarily asked to be put in the Historic District and has sent a letter to the President of the Village Council accordingly. The cemetery property, the Village property, the church property were included and the FCA property still needed to be included. Roberts provided survey maps indicating the actual owners of the different properties. There has been a debate over what was the official FCA property, which has led FCA to request a new title search. Stuart Weiner will be doing the work of verifying the FCA property.

There was a discussion about the vacated properties in the Village.

The committee would be moving forward in the process of gathering information for an Official Report.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Roberts to adjourn the meeting.
Motion was approved unanimously.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk