

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, September 7, 2010, 7:30 P.M.**

Before the official meeting began, Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk, introduced the Interim Administrator, Amy Sullivan.

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting of the Franklin Historic Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at the Franklin Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Rd., Franklin, Michigan at 7:30 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Madeline Haddad, Garrett Keais, Gary Roberts, Pat Burke. Bonnie Cook  
Absent: Mike Brassfield (excused)  
Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Bill Dinnan, Village Building Official; Bill Lamott, Village Council Trustee, Liaison to Historic Commission;  
Amanda Davis, Consultant

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Roberts proposed to add discussion item VI. C. Mainstreet Sign Program to the agenda. The agenda was approved as amended.

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular meeting of August 2, 2010**

The minutes of the Regular Historic Commission meeting were approved unanimously as submitted and published.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Application to Paint Exterior at 26030 Romany Way**

Chris Gettel, owner, presented the Commission with the color stain sample, Benjamin Moore 2111-50 (Stone Harbor), for the exterior of the house. The trim would remain white.  
**Motion by Keais, supported by Burke, to approve the Maxim solid color stain, Benjamin Moore 2111-50, for the exterior of 26030 Romany Way.**  
**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**B. Consider Application for Guardrail for Mechanical Equipment at 32220 Franklin Rd.**

Ellis Manning, from EPM Architecture Co., presented the plan to erect a safety guardrail on the roof of the existing gymnasium. Roberts commented that the issue was not only one of safety but also one of visual obscurity. He recommended a permanent solid metal screen, similar in color to the brick, and lifted 4 inches off the roof surface to allow snow and water to run under it

**Motion by Burke, supported by Cook, to deny the application for Guardrail for Mechanical Equipment at 32220 Franklin Rd. with the stipulation that a different solution would be presented to the HDC at a later date.**  
**Motion approved unanimously.**

**C. Mainstreet Sign Program Discussion**

Roberts asked Dinnan for a clarification of the sign ordinance. Dinnan explained that the "Temporary Sign Ordinance" had been suspended for a period of time. However, the entire Ordinance has been re-instated and in its entirety is now enforceable.

Due to some confusion concerning the ordinance, Roberts suggested that for the benefit of the public the guidelines could be streamlined and more definitive in terms of aesthetics, not necessarily legislatively. In conjunction with this discussion, Pat Burke introduced the HDC to a new presentation, entitled "Signs of a Successful Main Street" sponsored by Main Street. The program provided examples of good and bad signage from which she thought Franklin would benefit. It was her desire to present the entire 30-minute presentation to the HDC at its October meeting. Pulker will include Burke on the agenda for October's meeting.

**D. Update on the fence in front of Escapades**

Dinnan, on behalf of the HDC, talked with Bob Aubin from the Oakland County Water Resources who said that the Maintenance Department was responsible for putting in the fence. He told Dinnan that he would talk with the Maintenance Department about replacing it with a split rail fence.


Amanda Davis informed HDC that she would be on vacation during the October meeting.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

  
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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk