

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, May 2, 2011, 7:30 P.M.**

**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, Mike Brassfield, Gary Roberts, Pat Burke, Mary Ann Liut, Bonnie Cook

Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Bill Dinnan, Village Building Official; Bill Lamott, Village Council Liaison to Historic Commission

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Agenda was approved unanimously.

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular meeting of April 4, 2011**

**Motion by Liut, supported by Burke, to approve the minutes of the Regular Historic Commission meeting.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider the Sign Application for the property located at 32734 Franklin Road.**

According to Dinnan it meets Historic Commission's Ordinance requirements with the assumption that the dress is not considered a cartoon and is in the size and character with the sign next door to it. Roberts expressed concern that with one awning remaining the symmetry and proportion of the resulting building façade would be out of balance. He will contact the building owner to see if a 4<sup>th</sup> new sign application may be forthcoming.

Color chips and mock up of the sign were provided to the Commission.

**Motion by Cook, supported by Brassfield, to approve the sign application and color selections for the property located at 32734 Franklin Road, as submitted.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**B. Consider the Fence Application for the property located at 26065 Carol Ave.**

Dinnan addressed the Commission explaining that the Applicant has submitted two (2) different types of fencing, each requiring a different action on the part of the Commission. The original request was for a privacy fence but that application as submitted would not meet the Ordinance. If the Commission was in favor of this first option it would need to make a recommendation to ZBA, because that would be the next step in the process. The second option is a black aluminum picket fence and would be permissible by the Ordinance. The Commission could grant the owner permission tonight for the latter fence.

Zack Plastow, owner, presented the reasons why he and his wife would like a 6 ft. wood privacy fence on the lot line. A discussion ensued about the definition and requirements of a "Privacy Fence" according to the Village Ordinances. Dinnan advised the owner that even if they chose to install a picket fence it could only be 4 ft. high, unless a variance is granted by the ZBA. The applicant indicated that they needed a 5' fence to contain their dog and to prohibit other neighborhood dogs from entering the yard. The HDC discussed and agreed that the one foot difference would not be a noticeable visual difference.


**Motion by Burke, supported by Liut, to approve the Fence Application at 26065 Carol Ave., as submitted for a 5 ft. black aluminum fence, subject to the approval of the ZBA and with the recommendation that the ZBA approve this application for reasons already stated, that being that their dog and the neighbor's dogs can easily jump over a 4 ft. fence.  
Motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Submitted,

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Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

  
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Eileen Pulker, Clerk