



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
Historic District Commission
Art Pappas Village Hall 375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346
Draft Minutes Tuesday March 8, 2022

Meeting called to order by J. Meloche at 7:08 PM.

Present: R. Hauxwell, J. Meloche

Absent: M. Luginski, M. Moon, J. Radcliff [Note: M. Luginski joined the meeting at 7:30 pm, toward the end of discussion on agenda item 2.]

Approval of the Agenda:

The draft agenda was amended to reflect changes, but was not voted-upon, due to lack of a quorum.

Announcements:

Forty-Second Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN), Holly, MI, May 11-14, 2022. Open to the public, for a fee.

Public Comments:

None

Approval of the February 8, 2022, meeting minutes:

Due to lack of a quorum, the meeting minutes will be reviewed and voted-upon during the April 12 HDC monthly meeting.

Historic District Study Committee Update:

Eliminated, due to the absence of Nancy Moon.

Existing Applications for Review and Discussion:

1. 21 East Church Street - Homeowner Ben Siecinski did not appear. There was no discussion.
2. 177 N Main St - Applicant S. McLean was present. It was noted that the HDC and applicant met with an administrative law judge and this is an attempt to settle the applicant's appeal out of court. S. McLean submitted a landscape design comprising 41 hedge plants along Main St. with flowering plants behind them. Photos provided of proposed appearance at maturity. Boxwoods or Yews would be in front with hydrangeas behind. S. McLean said that they would possibly put Apple or Cedar trees on the north side of the property. He noted that, due to the weather, the landscaper can start the work now. HDC noted that the Notice of Denial was issued for the entire fence and the proposal by the applicant

was only for the N Main expanse of fence. Applicant needs to consider covering the side and back yard fencing as well.

Because there was not a quorum present at this time, the Commission could not raise a motion or vote, so this agenda item needed to be moved to the April meeting of the HDC. Since the upcoming court date concerning this matter is April 25, 2022, and the next HDC meeting is April 12, 2022, there is some question as to the possibility of a timely HDC decision for this inappropriate fence "mitigation." R. Hauxwell said that a special meeting could be held next week if so desired by the applicant.

M. Luginski joined the meeting at this point. She noted that the fence placement was denied as well. The HDC and the applicants had previously discussed moving the fence to the midway/back of the house so it would no longer be considered a front yard fence. It was also previously discussed by HDC and applicant that the fencing near the barn should be a paddock type of fence. M. Luginski added that it was like comparing apples to oranges when discussing mitigation of the inappropriate 40 foot long rock wall at 61 S Holcomb and the applicant's inappropriate 600 feet of fencing at 177 N Main St.

New Applications for Discussion:

None

Final Comments:

C. Catallo suggested that the HDC vacate the application for 21 E Church St tonight, since, with the arrival of M. Luginski, a quorum now existed. There will not be another regularly-scheduled HDC meeting before the application will reach the ordinance-imposed deadline of 60 days without action being taken. After discussion on this suggestion, R. Hauxwell made a motion to issue a Notice of Denial for 21 E Church Street, and waiving the one year waiting period to resubmit the application. M. Luginski seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is Tuesday April 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
R. Hauxwell & J. Meloche