



CITY OF THE VILLAGE OF CLARKSTON
Historic District Commission
Art Pappas Village Hall 375 Depot Road
Clarkston, MI 48346

Final Minutes Tuesday August 8, 2023

Meeting called to order by J. Meloche at 7:01 PM.

Present: R. Hauxwell, J. Meloche, M. Moon, J. Radcliff.

Absent: M. Luginski

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by M. Moon, second by J. Radcliff to approve the agenda as written. Approved unanimously.

Announcements: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes: Motion by R. Hauxwell, second by J. Radcliff to accept the minutes as written without changes or additions. Approved unanimously.

Historic District Study Committee Update: Nothing to Report

New Applications for Review and Discussion:

91 North Main Street: Applicant Jim Markwalder presented photos, site plan and drawings for new construction of a side porch on the south elevation. Currently homeowner feels this is unusable space and results in an appearance that part of the house is out of scale with the other. Plan to use wood, particularly vertical tongue and groove cedar similar to the existing side porch skirt. However, all/most of the remaining features such as newel posts, caps, railings will be different from existing. All will be painted white. There ensued a lengthy discussion of design and materials.

Motion was made by R. Hauxwell with second by J. Radcliff to grant a conditional Certificate of Appropriateness for construction of a new south elevation side porch with the following stipulations: the Historic District Commission (HDC) must be informed to review:

- (1) newel post and railing designs and materials;
- (2) details of the balustrade and exact location in the site plan;
- (3) the skirting should be vertical (as existing), but the HDC needs to know exact material to be used.

All current discussion indicated that this will be easily distinguishable from the original (existing) construction/architecture. This decision is based upon the current application, photos, site plan, drawings, and discussion. This appears to satisfy the appropriate/applicable Secretary of the

Interior Standards #2 and #9. Roll call vote: R. Hauxwell, aye; J. Meloche, aye; M. Moon, aye; J. Radcliff, aye. The motion passed.

Existing Applications for Review and Discussion:

- 1) Research/status of repairing or replacing historic windows. Contractors previously listed by Michigan Historic Preservation Network (MHPN) are either no longer available or too far away. J. Meloche is inquiring as to the possible availability of local contractors to repair old windows in town. One strategy to decrease the cost is to only repair the bottom sash.
- 2) Report on 62 South Holcomb: homeowners are moving forward with new plans and should be prepared by the next HDC meeting (September).
- 3) There is limited availability of very professional appearing MHPN Training Manuals for Historic District Commissions (Basic, September 2020; Advanced, September 2021). Examples shown by J. Meloche were very nice with color photos and diagrams. They appear much nicer and more useful than the previous ones. They are difficult to acquire and are only available for a fee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is either September 12 or September 19 at 7:00 PM. Date will be determined later this week and posted.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Moon