

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, December 6, 2010, 7:30 PM**

**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, Bonnie Cook, Mary Ann Liut

Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Village Administrator; 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**

The Agenda was approved unanimously as submitted and published.

**IV. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**A. Regular meeting of September 7, 2010**

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

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Consider Temporary Sign located at 32725 Franklin Road**

According to Roberts the owner of the gas station will be removing the temporary "Wacky Wednesday" sign within 2 weeks.

**B. Consider Temporary Sign for Ice Rink, sponsored by Farmhouse Coffee and Ice Cream**

Included in the Commission's packet was a memo from Sullivan concerning the proposed Ice Rink Sign. Sullivan described the temporary sign as being a wooden A-frame, measuring 24" x 36", white background with black lettering. There was a discussion concerning its verbiage which the insurance carrier will provide and the enforcement of the posted rules by the police.

**Motion by Cook, supported by Haddad, to approve the Temporary Sign for the Ice Rink, sponsored by Farmhouse Coffee and Ice Cream, subject to the approval of the Sign Board of Appeals.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**C. Review Proposed Amendments to Sign Ordinance**

Sullivan explained that the Village Council was considering a change to the Village's Sign Ordinance that would allow for existing signs to be grandfathered, and only replaced if a new business were to move in, or the business owner wished to change their sign. However, any new signs would be required to obtain permits and comply with the in force regulations.

Roberts opined that any changes to the Sign Ordinance should be kept in abeyance until such time as the Main Street Franklin, Planning Commission and Historic District Commission complete their study of the entire downtown area and a review of parking, signs, pedestrian traffic, lighting and other issues. Roberts indicated that he was in favor of suspending the Amortization Time as suggested felt the option should remain open for a future date at which all signs could be in compliance.

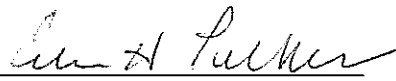
**VII. MAIN STREET SIGNAGE PRESENTATION**

Burke presented an educational program entitled, "Signs of a Successful Main Street".

Respectfully Submitted,

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Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

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Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk