

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, July 13, 2011, 6:00 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 6:00 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Madeline Haddad, Garrett Keais, Mike Brassfield, Gary Roberts, Pat Burke, Mary Ann Liut, Bonnie Cook

Absent: None

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

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular meeting of June 6, 2011

Motion by Haddad, supported by Burke to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 Regular Historic Commission meeting.

Motion was approved unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were made at this time.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider the Pergola Replacement Application at 32683 Franklin Road.

Roger McClow, owner, gave a brief history of the original pergola which was built about ten (10) years ago. Because of extensive water damage, he explained that it is their desire to rebuild/restore the pergola and add a shingled hip roof that would mirror those of the house and garage. The roof would extend out over the structure but not be as steeply pitched as the garage. The color would remain the same, Sherwin Williams Roycroft Vellum, No. SW 2833, to match that of the house and garage. The shingles would be dark brown to match those of the house and garage. He provided the Commission with drawings indicating a 48 inch concrete foundation on the four corners. Roberts commented that technically this is not a "pergola replacement" (pergola by definition is "open") but rather a replacement with a covered "shelter".

Dinnan reminded McClow that more detailed drawings needed to be submitted to satisfy the safety of the structure and thus allow for a building permit to be issued. Dinnan questioned if there were details of the open cornice and would it match that of the house. Cook asked about the overhang measurements. McClow answered that the overhang would not be as large as that of the house but it would be based on proportions, which might mean 1-1 ½ ft. at the most.

Motion by Keais, supported by Haddad, to approve the application for a covered shelter at 32683 Franklin Road with a shingled hip roof, dark brown shingles, and paint color (Sherwin Williams Roycroft Vellum, No. SW 21833) - all to match the existing house and garage, and subject to Building Official Dinnan's review of the structural plans.

Motion was approved unanimously.

B. Consider the Sign Application for the property located at 32820 Franklin Road.

Joe Lampertius, owner, addressed the Commission about the signage on the actual building for La Spezia. It is their desire to give it an historic look of a market with small, tight awnings underneath

the gutters as architectural features with different wordage printed on each. They would be made by Marygrove Awnings in Livonia, burgundy in color, All Weather Sunbrella Fabric, and securely mounted to the building just under the gutters. Mr. Lampertius provided the Commission with renderings of the three (3) awnings indicating the proposed height, width, and depth of each.

Lampertius explained that the actual sign would be scripted, floating, and manufactured from either brass, copper or hardwood painted to look like brass or copper and would be mounted on the large window with large pins bolted into the muttons. Discussion ensued about the advantages and disadvantages of each material. Lampertius was open to all suggestions but preferred to keep it a shiny copper and not have a green patina. He also informed the Commission that underneath the shields on each side of the door are small windows with muttons which they plan to expose. The lighting would come from within the store and shine through the window.

Roberts cautioned that according to the Sign Ordinance, words can be put on only one (1) sign. He recommended Mr. Lampertius go before the Sign Board of Appeals and with the HDC endorsement ask for a variance for the other two (2) signs. He also recommended that Mr. Lampertius make sure that the sign can actually be mounted on the muttons. As to the dimensions, Lampertius would like to be approved for the maximum size and stay within those parameters or less. Cook asked for a clarification as to the size of the La Spezia in scale with the entire window area. Lampertius affirmed that it would be aesthetically proportioned.

Motion by Burke, supported by Haddad, to approve the Sign Application for the property (La Spezia) located at 32802 Franklin Road, subject to the approval of the ZBA/Sign Board of Appeals. The proportion of the pin-mounted "La Spezia" sign should be similar to the drawing in that up to one third (1/3) of the perimeter window panes (representing the outer limits of the sign dimension) be utilized for the actual signage. The signage should be copper or look like copper and the awnings would be burgundy color, All Weather Sunbrella fabric, and securely mounted to the building under the gutters as shown. With HDC approval but subject to the Sign Board of Appeals approval, wordage will be on all three (3) awnings. Motion was approved unanimously.

C. Discussion Item

Roberts alerted the Commission that Franklin will be a participant in a special "traveling art exhibit" sponsored by the Detroit Institute of Art (DIA), entitled "Inside Out". Reproductions of classical paintings will be strategically placed outdoors within the Historic District Business area. The program will begin in September and run for a month and a half. He was consulted as to possible locations for the pieces and made a suggestion that no art pieces be attached to any buildings. He also asked that the HDC be informed of the final locations selected for the pieces.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.

Following the adjournment, Pulker, Village Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Garrett Keais and Gary Roberts, both for a three (3) year term, ending in 2014 on the Historic District Commission.

Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen Pulker, Clerk