

HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD
Meeting Minutes of August 5, 2020 @ 6:00 pm via Zoom

Roll Call: Robbie Brown, Brenda Miklos, Marilou Suszko, Judy Williams.

Not Present: Susan Cairns

Robbie Brown, Chairperson called the Wednesday, August 5, 2020 meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

J. Williams MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the meeting minutes of July 1, 2020. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS:

(Commercial) Applicant: David Banas; Owner: Michael Lich, 5586 Liberty Avenue (New Structure)

J. Williams MOVED, M. Suszko seconded to permanently table this application as there has been no representation for the last two meetings. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

(Commercial) 5502 Liberty – Applicant: Mike Tomshack (Awning)

Mike Tomshack stated his intent is to replace his existing awning with a new awning including lettering that says “Big Ed’s Soda Grill”. The board was pleased with the photo he submitted showing the replacement awning.

B. Miklos MOVED; J. Williams seconded to approve the application as submitted. Vote 3 YEAS, 1 ABSTENTION (Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED.**

(Residential) 580 Main – Applicant: William Grunick (Landscaping, Fence)

William Grunick was present to explain his proposed fence projects consisting of 6’H x 8L white vinyl privacy fence, and a 42’ ornamental aluminum black fence at 580 Main Street. He explained they are going to landscape in front of their fence in the future and it will probably be on the inside of the fence. They want to keep the fence 3’ from the sidewalk. He said he would like to change the 42” fence to a 36” fence. The city allows them to go up to a 42”, but they think the lower fence will look better. R. Brown said she likes the fences and his choice of fence and thought it would fit nicely into the neighborhood. J. Williams said she was not fond of the vinyl fence and in keeping with the historic district she thought wood would be appropriate. M. Suszko said wood might be nice, but in talking about a maintenance issue and the homeowner not being at this property much, then a good quality vinyl clad fence or cement/composite board would fit great. W.

Grunick said it's only an 8' section of vinyl fencing. R. Brown noted there is a lot of white vinyl fences throughout Harbourtown. M. Suszko reminded the board they can only operate on an advisory capacity for residential suggestions. The board always appreciates when property owners come before the board asking for their opinion.

M. Suszko MOVED, B. Miklos seconded to approve the application as presented. Roll Call Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Commercial) 5260 Liberty – Applicant: Donald Parsons, Lumberlands LTD. (Signage)

Christy Parsons explained they have purchased 5260 Liberty Avenue and have moved their offices to this location. Their intent is to reface the current sign to Don Parsons Inc. She presented pictures to the board members showing an anchor next to their name. M. Suszko asked if this sign is lit and Christy said it was not.

J. Williams MOVED, M. Suszko seconded to approve the application as submitted. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

(Residential) 5639 Huron – Applicant: Douglas Brown (Roofing)

Doug Brown conveyed they removed two large pine trees this summer that both hung over the garage. Therefore, they would like to replace the garage roof with a grey shingle to match the house roof as close as possible as the house roof went on in 2011.

M. Suszko MOVED, J. Williams seconded to approve the application as submitted. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

ADJOURNMENT:

R. Brown MOVED, M. Suszko seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote 4 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, September 2, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Complex,
687 Decatur Street, Vermilion, Ohio

Transcribed by Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk