

## HISTORIC VERMILION DESIGN REVIEW BOARD

Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2022

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

Present: Pat Stein, Council Representative; Mayor Forthofer, Guest

### CALL TO ORDER:

Robbie Brown, Chairwoman called the meeting of April 6, 2022 to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Vermilion Municipal Court Complex.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

M. Suszko MOVED; B. Miklos seconded to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 2022. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

### NEW BUSINESS:

#### (Residential) Applicant: Dan Lehky – 5248 Ohio Street (Roofing)

Dan Lehky explained he is tearing off his existing single layer of shingles and will be replacing them with black shingles and white gutters. He is replacing in like-kind. The shingles will be architectural style.

J. Williams MOVED; M. Suszko seconded to approve the plans as described above. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

#### (Residential) Applicant: James Herchler – 741 Washington St. (Emergency Roof/Siding Repair)

James Herchler explained they have been fixing up the home, so his in-laws can use it on the weekends. During the course of the work, they noticed upstairs that the timbers on the second floor are cracking and splitting, so he received an emergency permit and ordered the roof trusses due to the long lead time, and they are getting ready in the new few days to replace everything in like-kind. R. Brown said she received a call informing her this project was an emergency.

J. Williams MOVED; B. Miklos seconded to approve the emergency repairs as described above. Roll Call Vote 5 YEAS. MOTION CARRIED.

#### (Commercial) Applicant: D&M Vermilion, LLC – 555 Main Street (Roof)

John D'Amico from D&M Vermilion said they plan to put a roof on the extension where the condominiums are. The color of the roof will be hunter green, and it will be a metal roof. They are using it as an overhang. J. Doll asked to see the building and floor plans. She asked if they would be putting in lighting, heating, and a fan, and J. D'Amico replied, yes. He said the roof will cover the existing patio. B. Miklos

asked if the existing roof was green, and J. D'Amico said the shingles and awnings are green, and the inside roof will be the knotty pine with exposed beams. J. Williams asked what they were doing with the office space. J. D'Amico said it will be converted into a bar. They will serve cold food in that area. R. Brown asked if it will be separate from Touché. J. D'Amico said they can get to it from Touché.

**R. Brown MOVED**; B. Miklos seconded to approve the roof plans as described above. Roll Call Vote 3 YEAS; 2 ABSTENTIONS (Doll, Suszko). **MOTION CARRIED**.

**(Residential) Applicant: Anne Graham – 5830 Ohio Street (Roof)**

Tom Chambers was present to represent the applicant and explained her intent is to tear off the existing shingles and gutters and replace with new. The plan is to replace the current grey shingles with dark blue shingles and white gutters. He showed the board members a picture of the shingles. G. Fisher advised the board the applicant wasn't expecting the project to begin this early, but they advised her they would be starting this week, so she added the applicant to the agenda.

**M. Suszko MOVED**; R. Brown seconded to approve the roof and gutter replacement as described above. 5 YEAS. **MOTION CARRIED**.

**MISCELLANEOUS:**

M. Suszko said she found guides that Main Street Vermilion created awhile back as part of their design committee. One is on preservation and talks about the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation and one is for painting, and one is for Historic fronts and signage, which is to get people to think about what they're doing before they do it. She said these are on the Main Street website and thought they can include these with the Certificate of Appropriateness that are located in the Building Department, so people have these to be proactive rather than reactive. She said may want to start updating this information. She also provided information to the board that tells the public what their role as a board is when exercising aesthetic judgment.

R. Brown noted that she and M. Suszko will be reviewing their guidelines, and if they need to recommend any changes to the board they will bring them forward at a later date.

G. Fisher said she could forward this information to the website administrator, so he can include this information under the Historic Design & Review Board as a link with information.

M. Suszko said they currently do not have a historic color palette, but they have shared in the past exterior coastal colors from a Sherwin-Williams brochure. G. Fisher said she can provide the building department with these brochures that may help residents when choosing color combinations. M. Suszko said she was a little hesitant about these because it's about New England, and Vermilion is not New England, but it does give people some kind of guideline for color combinations versus looking on Pinterest.

M. Suszko said as the board reviews their guidelines, they need to think about being proactive rather than reactive, so it is not a huge problem.

J. Doll noted she purchased two publications that could be a significant help to the board. She will donate one of the publications to the board for their review. M. Suszko asked if she could share some of this information in bite-sized pieces, so they can pick a certain subject to review at a time.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

R. Brown adjourned the meeting upon no further discussion.

**Next Meeting:**

Wednesday, May 4, 2022 @ 6:00 p.m.

@ Vermilion Municipal Complex, 687 Decatur Street, Vermilion

*Transcribed by: Gwen Fisher, Certified Municipal Clerk*