

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 10, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Chairman Rick Butera. Commission members present were Dennis Barrett, Colleen Boff, Rick Butera, Judy Justus, and Mark Weber (5). Alex Heard and Patrice Spitzer were absent (2). Also present was Cody Grodi, Zoning Inspector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2018 meeting as written. Seconded by Mr. Weber. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 28-18 – Bruce McLaughlin is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to erect a radio antenna tower in the rear yard. The property is located at 416 East Front Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 28-18. Michael McLaughlin was present on behalf of the applicant. He added that the hand radio tower has been there for 40 or 50 years. Mr. McLaughlin noted that the only recent change is to the master antennas which had to be replaced due to deterioration. He added that the posts are stronger. Mr. Butera confirmed that the work has already been done. Mr. Weber asked if there were complaints from the neighbors, and Mr. McLaughlin said that he was not aware of any. Todd Friesner, 417 E. Front Street, stated that he lives across the street, and that the tower was deteriorating, and that he has no concerns with the repairs. Mr. Grodi added that a neighboring property had called in with concerns about city regulations. Mr. Butera confirmed that the location of the hand radio tower would be the only reason that the city or the commission would be concerned. Mr. Barrett moved to approve Application 28-18. Seconded by Ms. Boff. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 29-18 – Jenn McCullough is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a temporary sign. The property is located at 119 West Second Street and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed 29-18. Ms. McCullough was present. She stated that she is requesting a temporary sign out in front of the Karuna House to represent events with foot traffic. Mr. Butera asked about signage regulations, and Mr. Grodi added that signage permits in the historical district are only approved once they have been approved by the commission. Mr. Butera added that the metal stakes are not a typical post style used in the district. Mr. Weber confirmed that the signs will only be used for events, and Ms. McCullough said that the signs would be displayed once a month primarily for awareness. Mr. Weber moved to approve Application 29-18. Seconded by Ms. Justus. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 30-18 – Todd and Donna Friesner are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a fence in the front yard. The property is located at 417 East Front Street and is zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 30-18. Mr. Friesner was present. He added that he is asking for permission to install a three and a half (3 ½) foot tall ornamental fence across the front sidewalk that is thirty-two (32) feet long. Mr. Friesner said that the fence will be similar to the design of the fence in their back yard, and that landscaping will be planted behind the fence. Mr. Butera added that the look will be very appropriate. Ms. Boff noted that the fence matches the paint in the front window. Mr. Butera moved to approve Application 30-18. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 31-18 – Matthew Temby, on behalf of Trv Fit Perrysburg, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a temporary banner, window signage, and a wall sign on the property. The property is located at 117 East Second Street and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 31-18. Mr. Temby was present. He stated that the signage will be an adhesive vinyl installed on the front of the building directly over the front doors, and that the background will blend into the original paint. Mr. Temby said that the logo will be in the window directly above the doors, and then the class times and website will be on the doors. He added that the temporary sign is a vinyl banner that will be removed once Trv Fit opens. Mr. Butera confirmed that the Perrysburg, Ohio lettering will remain. Mr. Butera asked about the graphic image above the door, and Mr. Temby added that it is the logo. Mr. Weber moved to approve Application 31-18. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 32-18 – Geoffrey Earnhart, on behalf of Fort Meigs, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a freestanding sign. The property is located at 29100 West River Road and is zoned S1 (Scenic and Open Space).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 32-18. Mr. Earnhart was present. He added that Fort Meigs would like to replace their current signage, which is a plastic slot that is labor intensive to install and remove for each event. Mr. Earnhart stated that a grant has been received from the Ohio North West Military Association to replace the signage. He added that the design is from the Ohio History Connection, which is a branding to match other locations. Mr. Earnhart said that the sign will be about sixty (60) feet from the street, and located within the property of Fort Meigs, rather than the city right-of-way. Ms. Justus asked about the letters that will be used for the sign, and Mr. Earnhart added that they are single letters that are fit into channels within the sign. Mr. Weber asked if the sign will be lit, and Mr. Earnhart added that there will be landscaping, but that currently the project does not include lighting. Mr. Butera added that he appreciates the historic wooden framing of the entrance signage, and that he is leery of metal posts to be used with the new sign. He recommended a subdued color be used for the posts, as opposed to the silver shown. Mr. Earnhart stated that the height of the sign will be no higher than the limits of the code. Mr. Barrett moved to approve Application 32-18.

Seconded by Mr. Weber, with conditional approval that the posts be subdued in color. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION, 33-18 – Jenny Pflgebraar is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a freestanding sign. The property is located at 140 West Front Street and is zoned OS (Office and Service).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 33-18. Ms. Pflgebraar stated that the sign on the building is not currently visible from the street due to the mature trees. She added that she submitted two different designs, but that she prefers a simple sign that matches the building. Mr. Weber confirmed that the posts would be wood, and that the sign materials would be composite. Ms. Justus stated that she prefers the sign with the arched top. Mr. Butera added that generally the commission solely comments on the submittal. Ms. Pflgebraar added that because their building is linear the second sign would better fit the building. There were no further questions or comments from the commission. Mr. Weber moved to approve Application 33-18 with the condition that the sign represent the first option presented, which was square. Seconded by Mr. Barrett. Ayes: (5). Nays: (0).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alfaro