

HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION

AUGUST 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Rick Butera. Commission members present were Dennis Barrett, Rick Butera, Colleen Boff, Alex Heard, Judy Justus, and Mark Weber (6). Patrice Spitzer was absent (1). Also present was Cody Grodi, Zoning Inspector.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 meeting as written. Seconded by Ms. Justus. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 23-18 – Craig and Sarah Voltz are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a fence in the side and rear yard. The property is located at 238 West Second Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 23-18. Mr. Voltz stated that he was under the impression that if he put up the same type of fence that he would not need HLC approval. He said that the fence is a wood privacy fence that is the same height as the original but that it has slightly changed in style. Mr. Butera confirmed that when there is a change in style that it will need HLC approval. There were no further questions or comments from the commission. Mr. Heard moved to approve Application 23-18. Seconded by Ms. Boff. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 24-18 – National Illumination and Sign, on behalf of State Farm Insurance, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install two wall signs and window signage. The property is located at 221 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 24-18. Neil Jagel, National Illumination and Sign, was present on behalf of State Farm Insurance. Mr. Jagel explained that they are looking to replace two signs with the current tenant. He said that the signs will be more decorative and historical, as opposed to the standard sign that State Farm requires. Mr. Jagel added that one of the signs will be on the side wall, and the other on the front façade. He said that neither sign will change in size from what is currently there, but that they will be direct replacements, that are aluminum and non-illuminated. Mr. Weber asked about the small signs, and Mr. Nagel stated that they will go in the adjacent windows, and that they will be subdued. Mr. Grodi added that the Planning and Zoning Code only allows wall signs to be installed to a roof, if the roof is flat as to resemble a wall. He stated that he spoke with Brody Walters, Planning and Zoning Administrator, and it was determined that the board would have the final vote in this case. Mr. Grodi noted that there is a slight degree or angle on the roof, and if it's enough to resemble a wall would be the determination of the board. Mr. Butera asked whether this condition meets the code or not, and Mr. Grodi stated that Mr. Walters gave an administrative approval. Mr.

Barrett asked if there will be a sign on the front door, and Mr. Jagel added that there will be a portion below with white vinyl, and that it will not be seen from the road. There were no further questions or comments from the commission. Mr. Weber moved to approve Application 24-18. Seconded by Mr. Butera. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 25-18 – Xavier Stiles, on behalf of Perrysburg First United Methodist Church, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install a fence in the front yard. The property is located at 200 West Second Street and is zoned INS (Institutional Uses).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 25-18. Xavier Stiles was present on behalf of Perrysburg First United Methodist Church. Mr. Stiles explained that he would like to install a three and a half foot tall wooden picket French Gothic fence. It was explained that the fence that Ms. Justus had previously suggested at the July 9, 2018 meeting was deemed not safe for the children within the outdoor classroom. Pastor H. Kerns of Perrysburg First United Methodist Church was also present and stated that Xavier saw a need within the church, and that he was eager to complete this project as an Eagle Scout. Mr. Kerns added that the safety of the children is a top priority, and that the suggested metal just didn't make sense for this program. Mr. Stiles explained that he will fundraise the expense for the project, and that his troop will then be installing the entire project themselves. There was a brief discussion on the style of fence, as two different styles were presented. Mr. Stiles confirmed that he would prefer the French Gothic as opposed to the Dog-Eared. He added that he preferred the wooden picket to the metal wrought-iron because metal conducts heat, and the metal would not be safe for the children. Mr. Stiles noted that he also has to follow classroom regulations as mandated by the state. Mr. Heard added that he was fine with either fence. There were no further questions or comments from the commission. Mr. Heard moved to approve Application 25-18. Seconded by Ms. Boff. Ayes: Barrett, Boff, Heard, Justus, Weber (5). Nays: (0). Abstain: Butera (1). Mr. Butera thanked Mr. Stiles for his thorough and wonderful presentation.

APPLICATION 26-18 – Jeff and Laurie Huskisson are requesting a certificate of appropriateness to remove and replace the existing front porch. The property is located at 515 East Second Street and is zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 26-18. Laurie Melchior-Huskisson was present on behalf of Pacesetter Property Management. She added that the front porch is in need of repair, and that she has brought two different options to be considered. Ms. Huskisson stated that her first choice would be to replace with masonry and concrete, as that is existing. She added that her second choice would be a Trex material deck, which looks like wood, but a darker mahogany color. Mr. Butera added that he would prefer the masonry and concrete over a wooden look from a historical perspective. Mr. Weber stated that he drove down Second Street and noticed that there are other wooden porches, and a combination. Mr. Heard said that ideally he would like to see the porch replaced with existing material, as it would be aesthetically pleasing. Mr. Barrett asked if TimberTech has a material that looks like concrete, and Ms. Huskisson provided information about

the wood-like material that she found available through TimberTech. Mr. Weber added that he is okay with either choice. There were no further questions or comments from the commission. Mr. Weber moved to approve Application 26-18 as submitted with options A or B to replace the deteriorating porch. Seconded by Mr. Butera. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

APPLICATION 27-18 – Betty Hill, on behalf of Change of Seasons, is requesting a certificate of appropriateness to install window signage. The property is located at 206 Louisiana Avenue and is zoned C-2 (Central Business).

Mr. Grodi reviewed Application 27-18. Ms. Hill was present, and brought a recent rendering from the sign company to show to the commission for her request. Ms. Hill added that the “Angel 101” signs are just an example of the type of print that she is interested in using. Mr. Barrett asked how many signs there would be, and Ms. Hill stated that there will be two signs. There were no further questions or concerns from the commission. Mr. Butera made a motion to Approve Application 27-18. Seconded by Mr. Heard. Ayes: (6). Nays: (0).

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Alfaro