

VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES

DATE: Wednesday, March 9, 2016

TIME: 6:30 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Heinritz called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman: Ron Heinritz

Commissioners: Robert Blazich

Joseph Miller

Henry Kolbeck

Mary Giuliani

Jennifer Abraham

Judy Ziebell, Excused

Guests: Mike Fagan on behalf of Dr. David Fagan, Joe Hodorowski

III. TIME & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of the minutes of the February 10, 2016,, meeting of the HPC was moved by Giuliani and seconded by Miller. Carried unanimously.

V. BUSINESS

A. The HPC was asked to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness from Dr. David Fagan, 140 South Main Street, for refacing of the Front Hanging Sign and South Side Sign. Giuliani moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and Miller offered a second. The motion carried 5-1 with Abraham dissenting.

B. The HPC was asked to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness from Joe Hodorowski, 177 Green Bay Road, for a sign for JRH and Associates. Miller moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness and Giuliani seconded a motion to approve the sign with the following provisions: 1. If and when a future tenant occupies the second half of the building, a double occupancy sign, if requested, be placed in the same frame. And 2. The existing frame be repaired and painted. The motion carried 5-1 with Abraham dissenting..

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A The HPC discussed signs previously approved by the commission and installed at Sew What Design Studio & Alterations Shop, LLC at 140 South Main Street. The hanging sign installed by Sew What is attached to the original hanging sign but the material extends out beyond the edges of the old sign. Questions were also raised as to whether the sign as

configured was appropriate for a historic district. The discussion ended with the HPC generally in agreement that the signs were appropriate.

VII. ITEMS BY CHAIRMAN

A. Chairman Heinritz raised concerns with the newly installed directional signs at and Fiddlehead Coffee Café at 192 S. Main Street. The signs were approved by the HPC and all agreed that the signs were attractive and appropriate. The concern lies with the lighting used to illuminate the signs. The lighting is very bright and shines in the eyes of passing motorists and pedestrians. The HPC reviewed Section 16.16.E of the Village Sign Code which deals with externally lit signs. The guidelines specify that externally lit signs, “ ... shall have adequate shading and be directed at the sign in such a way that the lighting will not produce glare affecting oncoming vehicles.” It was agreed that the signs installed at Fiddleheads did not meet these guidelines, and Chairman Heinritz suggested that he follow-up to have this lighting problem corrected.

B. Chairman Heinritz briefly reviewed the 2016 Historic Preservation Excellence Awards Program, and it was agreed that our village does not have an appropriate candidate for this award as outlined in the eligibility criteria.

VIII. ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

A. Bob Blazich shared information the HT Historical Society’s search for a new location. No new location has been found, but several promising options are being pursued. Blazich also asked that future agenda wording refer to the organization as the Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 pm Moved by Miller, Seconded by Giuliani.
Approved unanimously

Submitted by:

Bob Blazich
Acting Secretary