

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES – FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The regular meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held remotely on February 8, 2022. Mr. Heinz called the meeting to order.

Those present:

Historical Architectural Review Board: Stephen Heinz, Chair
Jeff Hirko, Vice Chair
Jennifer Stark, Secretary
Michael Kirk, Member/Code Enforcement Officer
Liuba Lashchyk, Member

Absent: Daniel Grenier, Supervisor Liaison

GIANT FOOD STORE – 700 Stony Hill Road
Front Façade Sign Replacement

Mr. Matt Clift, MRC Signs, stated he is representing Giant for the removal of the existing Giant letters and the installation of the new letters.

Mr. Heinz stated they did receive a packet of information. Mr. Clift stated Giant is in the midst of re-branding all of their locations. He stated the signs are being changed throughout the region. He stated they are currently non-lit letters with an existing square footage of 43 ¼, and they will be changing that to a non-lit acrylic letter set with a new square footage of 44.84 so it is relatively the same square footage that was already approved. He stated they are seeking approval so that they can fabricate the letters and install them for Giant. He stated with the re-branding, there will be a leaf in the letter A and they have split the N and T.

Mr. Heinz asked if it will be same color, and Mr. Clift agreed.

A picture of the proposed sign was shown. The sign will be all red. Mr. Heinz stated the consensus is that what is proposed is so close to what is existing, it does not seem that it will be much different at all.

Mr. Kirk moved and Ms. Lashchyk seconded to approve as submitted.

There was no one from the public wishing to speak on this matter.

The Motion carried unanimously.

REORGANIZATION

Ms. Lashchyk moved, Mr. Hirko seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Stephen Heinz as Chair.

Mr. Heinz stated he accepts this with the understanding that this would be the last year that he would be Chair.

Mr. Heinz moved, Mr. Kirk seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Jeff Hirko as Vice Chair.

There was discussion about the position of Secretary. Ms. Webber stated that she will be stepping down from the Historical Architectural Review Board as she needs to work more evenings.

Mr. Heinz moved, Ms. Lashchyk seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Jennifer Stark as Secretary.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 7/13/21 MEETING

Ms. Stark moved, Ms. Lashchyk seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of July 13, 2021 as written.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Heinz asked Mr. Kirk for an update on the VanHorn property, and he asked if he has made any of the changes requested. Mr. Kirk stated Mr. VanHorn has some serious medical issues he is dealing with, and he had to close the shop for a few months to take care of them.

Mr. Heinz asked for an update on the Point, and Mr. Kirk stated there is nothing new. Mr. Heinz noted the information discussed in December even though it was not a formal meeting, and he asked if Mr. Troilo had been provided access to that information. Mr. Kirk stated he did not believe so, and it was considered a workshop rather than a formal meeting because there were not enough HARB members present. Mr. Heinz stated he felt that he should still be provided that information. Mr. Heinz asked if those HARB members who were not present had a chance to look at those discussion notes, and it was noted they did not. Mr. Heinz asked that they be made available to the HARB members; and if they feel it is worthwhile they could be sent to Mr. Troilo so that he has the benefit of what was discussed at the Workshop.

Mr. Kirk agreed to send them out to everybody. Mr. Heinz stated there were some points made especially by Dr. Cimino, and he feels that what he said has value to everyone. Mr. Kirk stated he will make sure that Mr. Troilo and the HARB members get a copy of those Minutes. Mr. Heinz stated he feels that Workshop can be used as a resource.

Mr. Hirko stated about a week before the HARB meeting with Dr. Cimino, Dr. Cimino contacted him and advised that he had not been notified as to any Plans with regard to the property next door to him. Mr. Kirk asked that Mr. Hirko provide him with Dr. Cimino's contact information, and he will make sure to send him copies of any submissions.

Mr. Heinz stated he understands that none of the members from HARB were chosen to be on the Ad Hoc Committee, and Mr. Kirk agreed. Mr. Heinz stated he feels HARB should send a memo to the Board of Supervisors that it might be worthwhile to have HARB look at whatever suggestions will be presented by the Ad Hoc Committee and have a meeting that deals with those suggestions and HARB recommendations in regard to those suggestions.

Mr. Hirko moved to put a draft together to present to the Board. There was no second at this time.

Mr. Hirko stated he is not happy with what he is hearing with what they want to do with a lot of the buildings that they are talking about, and he feels HARB does need to voice its opinion.

Ms. Lashchuk asked if there is anyone from the Historical Commission on that Committee; and Mr. Heinz stated there is a representative from the Historical Commission on the Ad Hoc Committee, however, from what he has heard the actual discussion is being driven by representatives from AOY.

Mr. Hirko agreed. Mr. Heinz stated he believes that the Director of AOY is the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee; however, Mr. Hirko stated that the Chair is Dennis Steadman. Mr. Heinz stated the Director of AOY is thoroughly involved in whatever is being discussed, and they seem to be taking some of her suggestions. Mr. Hirko stated she is the Secretary.

Mr. Heinz asked Ms. Stark if she feels it would be worth sending a note to the Board of Supervisors that HARB would like to at least review what they have to say and add our comments. Ms. Stark asked if Mr. Heinz has read the Ad Hoc Committee's final report, and Mr. Heinz stated he has not. Mr. Heinz stated he is asking if the members of HARB feel that it would be worthwhile to review it and add our comments. Ms. Stark stated HARB was asked if they wanted to serve on that Committee, but no one stepped up. Mr. Hirko stated he did volunteer, but he "was looked over because he was on HARB, and they said that they did not recommend it."

Ms. Stark stated she feels that the Historical Commission and HARB should both be able to weigh in after reading the recommendations. Mr. Heinz stated he believes that the Historical Commission has offered a supportive review of the properties that they were talking about. He stated HARB could send a note, and he asked if Ms. Stark as Secretary could write the note asking that HARB be given an opportunity to comment, and Mr. Grenier could bring it to our next meeting. Ms. Stark stated she will e-mail Mr. Majewski and tell him that HARB would like to have the opportunity to provide comment on the Committee's report.

There being no further business, Mr. Hirko moved, Ms. Stark seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stark, Secretary

