

**Village of Franklin  
Historic District Commission  
Regular Meeting  
Monday, January 6, 2014 7:30 P.M.  
At the Franklin Village Hall – Broughton House  
32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI**

**I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Historic District Commission was called to order by Gary Roberts, Chairman, at the Franklin Village Hall, 32325 Franklin Rd, Franklin, MI.at 7:30 P.M.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Present: Gayle Timmis, Garrett Keais, Mike Brassfield, Gary Roberts, Eileen Harryvan, Laura Witty, Jill Wilke

Absent: None

Also Present: Amy Sullivan, Administrator; Eileen Pulker, Clerk

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Roberts suggested that the order of **A.** and **B.** under **VI. New Business** be switched.

**Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Timmis to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES**

**A. Regular Meeting of December 2, 2013.**

**Motion by Roberts to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 2, 2013.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were made at this time.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**B. Consider a Demolition Application for 27217 Gardenway.**

Albert Ludwig, representing the owner of the property, Kenneth Gillis, was present. Roberts mentioned that a Demolition Plan was included with the application.

Roberts briefed the HDC on the condition of the house in its present state which, Ludwig agreed, was not very good. The house, built in the 1950's, appears not to have any historic significant features. Ludwig explained that all trees on the lot had been surveyed and a list provided to HDC.

**Motion by Witty, seconded by Wilke to recommend to Village Council the approval of the demolition application for 27217 Gardenway, as they have found that there is no historic significance to this property.**

**Motion was approved unanimously.**

**A. Consider a Sign Application for 32802 Franklin Road (Event Bliss).**

Susan Siegel and Terri Trepeck, owners of Event Bliss, were not present, due to inclement weather conditions. Roberts spoke with one of the applicants, explaining that her presence was not necessary since the HDC had a completed application with sign dimensions and a color

photograph showing a reasonable scale. A correspondence had been received from Main Street Design Committee which Roberts had forwarded to the HDC members and he had spoken with Amanda Davis, HDC consultant, to get her opinion on the matter.

The question of whether the sign is in violation of #2 of the Secretary of the Interior's The Ten Standards for Rehabilitation was discussed. Roberts is of the opinion that the cross-buck on the door is not original and was added later.

There was a discussion that the sign is disproportionate to the door. Roberts suggested to the owners that the horizontal dimension be reduced by 8 inches, down to 52 inches.

**Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Wilke to approve the Sign Application for 32802 Franklin Road (Event Bliss) as submitted with two provisions: 1) the horizontal dimension of the oval be reduced from 60 inches to 52 inches, and 2) the simultaneous removal of the non-conforming sign that is currently on the building. This application is in compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Motion was approved unanimously.**

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45P.M.

Submitted,

---

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

---

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk