

**Village of Franklin
Historic District Commission
Regular Meeting
Wednesday, January 4, 2017 7:00 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 – Broughton House, 32325 Franklin Road, Franklin, MI at 7:01 P.M.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Mike Brassfield, Eileen Harryvan, Gary Roberts, Gayle Timmis, Jill Wilke, Laura Witty
Absent: Garrett Keais
Also Present: Eileen Pulker, Village Clerk; Deanna Yow, Executive Director of Main Street Franklin

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Roberts noted that with no new information on the Franklin Grill he would like to defer this item and the QR Codes for Historic Homes to the following month. However, he would like to have a discussion about the Historic Commission Study Committee. Harryvan would also like to discuss the plaques for the historic homes/buildings.

**Motion by Roberts to approve the agenda as amended.
Motion was approved unanimously.**

IV. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of December 7, 2016.

**Motion by Harryvan, seconded by Wilke to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2016, as presented.
Motion was approved unanimously.**

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deanna Yow, Executive Director of Main Street Franklin and owner of Farmhouse Coffee and Ice Cream, introduced herself to the HDC. On behalf of the HDC, Roberts welcomed her.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consider Existing Parking Lot Paving for 32716-32744 Franklin Road.

Due to a conflict of interest (Roberts is involved in this project) Chairman Roberts recused himself and vacated the dais, with Brassfield presiding over the discussion of this particular agenda item.

Referring to photos of the area, Roberts provided some background of the project. The plan is to pave the gravel lot for 18 parking spaces plus a handicap space and the enclosed dumpster area at the rear of the property. This would bring the total to 24 spaces and exceed the required 16 spaces for a building this size. He proposed a simple approach so the area would remain flat and

natural as possible with no curbs and no disturbance to the trees and brush in the wooded area surrounding the property in the back. Because of this approach the storm water would drain naturally off the surface of the lot through the woods and to the east towards the river as it currently does. The dumpster at the rear of the property would be on a concrete slab surrounded by a wood screen.

Roberts explained that if and when the HDC approved the plan it would go to the Planning Commission whose Planning consultant will review for their consideration.

Motion by Timmis, seconded by Wilke to approve the application for the asphalt paving of the existing parking lot at 32716-32744 Franklin Road for 19 new parking spaces (including handicap) as provided in the plan dated November 28, 2016, and to refer the application to the Planning Commission and Village Council for their approvals. Motion was approved unanimously.

Roberts returned to the dais and assumed his position as Chairman.

VII. DISCUSSION ITEMS

C. Historic Study Committee

Roberts updated the HDC on the Council's decision about the Committee and its responsibilities. Originally it presented a motion approving the appointments of members to the Committee which would have a time limit of twelve (12) months. An amended motion was then introduced and passed which specified that the Committee would review the Franklin Farms barn but "...any additional reviews would be solely at the referral from the Village Council".

Roberts noted his concern that the Council limited Study Committee's scope of responsibility to a single property when his expectation was a broader look at the entire District limits which has not been done in at least 12 years. He has and will speak with some members of the Council concerning the Committee's obligation. It was decided that HDC would request that this item be placed on a future Council's meeting agenda to re-consider the entire District and other properties which may be considered.

D. Plaques for Historic Homes

Harryvan stated that she has done some research on the different types of plaques (residential and commercial) and those companies and organizations which produce them. After a discussion it was decided that she would pick examples and catalogues of two (2) shapes with verbiage and bring them to the next HDC meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gail Beke, Recording Secretary

Eileen H. Pulker, Clerk