

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CITY OF LAMBERTVILLE
REGULAR MEETING
7:30 PM, ZOOM MEETING PLATFORM
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. with a statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, noticing the Times of Trenton and the Hunterdon County Democrat on February 1, 2021. The agenda was posted on the City's website at www.lambertvillenj.org and the bulletin board at City Hall on Friday, April 9th, and has remained posted continuously since. Chair Palilonis, presiding.

OPENING CEREMONIES & ROLL CALL

Chair Palilonis led the Commission in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary Harris called the roll as follows:

Present: Commissioner Debbie Closson, Commissioner Lisa Easton, *Commissioner Michele Glassburg (A2)*, Commissioner Lou Toboz, Vice Chair James Amon, and Chair Stewart Palilonis.

Absent: *Commissioner Nora Linderman (A1)*

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH, 2021 MEETING MINUTES.

Vice Chair Amon made a motion to approve the March, 2021 meeting minutes prepared by Secretary Harris. Commissioner Toboz seconded the motion. An affirmative ROLL CALL vote was taken in favor of the motion by all members present. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

MATT MARTIN:11 Klines Ct, Block 1040, Lot 3. Application is for sign approval. No one was present to discuss the application made for 11 Klines Ct. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Vice Chair made a motion to approve the application then later in light of discussion, withdrew his motion. Chair Palilonis made a motion to rule the application incomplete due to lack of information regarding size, color, etc. Commissioner Easton seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all full members present. MOTION CARRIED. APPLICATION INCOMPLETE.

Chair Palilonis commented that Pasha Rugs has relocated. The Construction Office has called for a sign application to be submitted for approval of the sign in its new location.

JAMES STEEN:30 Coryell St, Block 1031, Lot 11. Application is for sign approval. No one was present to discuss the application made for 30 Coryell St. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Commissioner Easton made a motion to rule the application incomplete due to lack of information such as size, location, lighting, etc. Commissioner Closson seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all full members present. MOTION CARRIED. APPLICATION INCOMPLETE.

BOB LONSDALE: 13 N. Union St., Unit A, Block 1035, Lot 10. Application is for sign approval.

Bob Lonsdale of Wilson Street was present to discuss the application made for 13 N. Union St. Discussion ensued.

MOTION

Vice Chair Amon made a motion to approve the application as submitted. Commissioner Closson seconded the motion. An affirmative roll call vote was taken in favor of the motion by all full members present. MOTION CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Commissioners Easton and Glassburg recommended that the Commission take a proactive roll in the protection of local historic sites. Their recommendation included pursuing the establishment of a local landmark ordinance to designate properties historic in Lambertville. Owners would thus be able to apply for designation of their properties, further protecting the historic nature of our community. Of particular concern, and of potential application of the ordinance, is the City's possible acquisition of the Closson property and its future preservation. The Commission unanimously affirmed this effort. Commissioner Easton agreed to Chair the subcommittee to pursue such recommendations to the City.

Commissioner Toboz thanked the many new business applicants for their enthusiasm and contribution to Lambertville. He further raised that a jewelry store is anticipated to enter into the bank property at the corner of Bridge and Union. He noted that the window bars have not been replaced as were condition of site approval. The Commission will take appropriate steps to protect the historic nature of these bank window bars and will follow up with the City.

Commissioner Toboz, who is also the City Historian, also shared that the Lambertville Historical Society took an active roll in support of the City's efforts to purchase the Closson property during a recent City meeting. The Society seeks to preserve historical sites within the Lambertville area and recognizes the significance of the Closson property's history and contribution.

No public comment.

ADJOURNMENT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

L.M. Harris
Secretary