

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
LONG GROVE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 17, 2023
7:00 P.M.**

Chairwoman Sylvester called the meeting of the Long Grove Architectural Commission (AC) to order at 7:02 p.m. with the following members present.

Members Present: John Marshall; Laura Mikolajczak; J Plunkett (7:20 P.M.); Allen Roiter; and Jeanne Sylvester.

Members Absent: Matthew Akins; Archana Mohanchandra

Also Present: Taylor Wegrzyn, Community Development Services

VISITORS BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Approval of the March 20, 2023 Draft Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roiter, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to recommend approval of the March 20, 2023, meeting minutes.

Ayes: A. Roiter; J. Marshall; L. Mikolajczak; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; J. Plunkett; A. Mohanchandra

OLD BUSINESS

1) Brothers Field, 340 Old McHenry Road.

Planner Wegrzyn noted recent correspondence between himself and the Applicant. Brothers Field has not yet been able to assemble updated plans for consideration by the Architectural Commission. They requested that the item be continued to a future meeting while they continue to investigate the matter further. A walkthrough of the property with Commissioner Marshal and Chairman Sylvester was conducted on April 11th.

Chairman Sylvester and John Marshall recapped their tour of the property. They indicated that the building at 340 Old McHenry Road is in relatively good condition. The inside has been remodeled many times and is no longer of substantial historical significance; however, the exterior of the building, given its construction prior to 1900, is historically significant. A historic marker has been placed on the front

of the building, but it is unknown who was responsible for its installation and content. Two other structures on the property were also toured.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Roiter, to postpone the discussion until the next meeting.

Ayes: A. Roiter; J. Marshall; L. Mikolajczak; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; J. Plunkett; A. Mohanchandra

NEW BUSINESS

1) Consideration of a request for two replacement signs at 225 Robert Parker Coffin Road for Blu Fig Café.

Planner Wegrzyn provided an overview of the proposed signage project at 225 Robert Parker Coffin Road. The petitioner was also in attendance to answer any questions. Both a wall sign and a hanging wall sign were proposed.

Commissioner Plunkett arrived at 7:20 P.M.

The Commission reviewed the proposed signs and discussed their compliance with the Long Grove sign standards and the character of the immediate vicinity. The Commission noted that raised elements and a more elaborate font would be more consistent with the type of signs desired for the historic downtown area.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roiter, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to approve of the proposed signs with the condition that raised letters and borders be used in addition to a font with uppercase and lowercase lettering.

Ayes: A. Roiter; J. Marshall; L. Mikolajczak; J. Plunkett; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; A. Mohanchandra

A motion was made by Commissioner Plunkett, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to switch the order of new business items #2 and #3 on the agenda.

Ayes: J. Plunkett; J. Marshall; A. Roiter; L. Mikolajczak; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; A. Mohanchandra

2) Consideration of a request for a replacement staircase at 350 Old McHenry Road.

Planner Wegrzyn provided an overview of the proposed staircase replacement project at 350 Old McHenry Road. He noted that the project required Architectural Commission review because it was not

an exact replacement of the existing staircase. Ron Wetterling, the Applicant, was in attendance to answer questions.

The staircase is proposed to replace the existing stairs which are not code compliant. To make the new staircase compliant, a mid-landing and 90-degree turn are needed. There was a brief discussion as to why the top landing was so long. There is an underground sewer which runs underneath the structure and limits the potential options where the supports can go. There was further discussion about the materials, colors, and styles to be used in relation to the front porch. The group reached a consensus that these should all be made to match, whether or not the owner decides to do further remodeling on the front of the building in the future.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roiter, seconded by Commissioner Plunkett to approve of the rear staircase replacement at 350 Old McHenry Road with the condition that the risers, tread, stringers, newel posts, and railings match the color, material, and style of those used on the front porch.

Ayes: A. Roiter; J. Plunkett; J. Marshall; L. Mikolajczak; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; A. Mohanchandra

3) Consideration of a request for three large real estate signs at the northeast corner of Route 83 and Aptakistic Road.

Planner Wegrzyn provided an overview of the request. No one representing the application was in attendance. The signs conform to the standards applicable to large real estate signs. There was a brief discussion about the signs, their design, and the future use of the property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Mikolajczak, to approve of the sign permit as proposed for three large real estate signs at the northeast corner of Route 83 and Aptakistic Road.

Ayes: J. Marshall; L. Mikolajczak; A. Roiter; J. Plunkett; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; A. Mohanchandra

OTHER BUSINESS

Planner Wegrzyn and Chairman Sylvester provided brief updates on some of the other business from the last meeting.

The status of the New Perspectives sign was brought up. Planner Wegrzyn will bring it to the attention of Long Grove staff.

The next scheduled Architectural Commission meeting is for May 15, 2023 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Plunkett.

Ayes: J. Marshall; J. Plunkett; A. Roiter; L. Mikolajczak; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: M. Akins; A. Mohanchandra

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Wegrzyn
Planner