

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
LONG GROVE ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 15, 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: Matthew Akins; John Marshall; Laura Mikolajczak; Archana Sakhuja Mohanchandra; J Plunkett; Allen Roiter; and Jeanne Sylvester.

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Taylor Wegrzyn, Community Development Services

VISITORS BUSINESS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1) Approval of the April 17, 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: J. Marshall; J. Plunkett; M. Akins; A. Roiter; L. Mikolajczak; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: None

OLD BUSINESS

1) AC-2023-001 – 340 Old McHenry Road - Brothers Field

Planner Wegrzyn noted that there were no updates from the Applicant. The Applicant has been working on plans to utilize the barn buildings instead of demolishing the existing red house building. However, that is a plan which the Village Board has not yet considered. It is anticipated that the Applicant will need to present a concept of the barn plan to the Village Board so that they may be referred to the Plan Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. No motions were made, and the project will require further review by the Architectural Commission.

2) AC-2022-009 – 2798 Route 53 - KEEP.Rentals

Planner Wegrzyn provided a summary of the petition recapped the Commission's May 2022 meeting on this same topic.

The Applicants provided an overview of the modified architecture. It was noted that the Petitioners were able to integrate many of the recommendations from the prior meeting, however, the new design takes too strong of a rectangular shape. The landscape plan lacks both diversity and quantity. Evergreens and softened landscaping were proposed. Hip or gable roofs, more pronounced tower features, and varying rooflines were also proposed to help break apart the structure's rectangular shape.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roiter, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to recommend that the Applicants revise the design to include greater variation in the vertical and horizontal planes of the building to provide greater depth to the structure and include additional landscaping. The project will need to be reviewed again by the Commission once the applicants have updated the plans.

Ayes: A. Roiter; J. Marshall; M. Akins; L. Mikolajczak; J. Plunkett; A. Sakhuja Mohanchandra; J. Sylvester
Nays: None
Absent: None

NEW BUSINESS

1) AC-2023-005 – 350 Old McHenry Road – Replacement Siding

Planner Wegrzyn provided an overview of the proposed siding project at 350 Old McHenry Road. Notably, the Historic Downtown Guidelines recommend against the use of vinyl and metal siding in the downtown business district.

The Applicants were in attendance to provide additional details on the materials of the building and context for their siding choice. The existing siding is in poor condition and requires replacement. The Applicants do not wish to use cedar siding due to the high cost and a history of damage to the existing siding by woodpeckers.

There was a discussion about the history of the building structure. It may date to 1932 or 1933 and has historically had cedar shake siding. Members of the Commission determined that this building is likely the "LeMarche House" as seen in pictorial histories of Long Grove. The building is unique for the Village in that it is of craftsman style. Additions and modifications may have been made previously to the front porch.

There was a discussion about alternative siding materials. LP Smartside and James Hardie products were mentioned as possible options, both which have shingle styles. The Commission agreed to consider such alternatives, should the Applicant present them, at their next meeting.

It was noted that while there are existing buildings within the downtown with vinyl or metal siding, these had not been approved by the current Commission. The members of the Commission agreed that vinyl is not something they would approve of within the downtown, regardless of the site. Chairman Sylvester also strongly encouraged that the owners consider window replacements which match the craftsman style of the building.

A motion was made by Commissioner Roiter, seconded by Commissioner Marshall, to recommend that the Applicant provide LP Smartside or James Hardie shingle siding options for consideration at the June 19th Commission meeting, that cedartone floorboards be approved for the porch and steps, and the color of the trim must contrast and compliment the siding color. The project will need to be reviewed again by the Commission once updated siding materials can be provided by the Applicant.

Ayes: A. Roiter; J. Marshall; M. Akins; L. Mikolajczak; J. Plunkett; A. Sakhuja Mohanchandra; J. Sylvester

Nays: None

Absent: None

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Sylvester reported to the Commission that revisions for the Blu Fig signage were submitted and approved.

The next scheduled Architectural Commission meeting is for June 19, 2023 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Marshall, seconded by Commissioner Akins, and was passed by a voice vote.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Taylor Wegrzyn
Planner