

## HPC minutes for April 13, 2021

The meeting was held in person at the town hall as well as via teleconference.

Attendees were Todd Avery, Joyce Engstrom, Joe Ellingson, Casey Gardner (via teleconference) and Cathy Kouchich as well as 4 guests.

Minutes from the March 9, 2021 meeting were read and approved.

3 design applications were discussed:

Larry Huneke addition at 28815 Wood Ave. Larry was unable to attend the meeting. We had additional questions to ask him regarding siding and lighting. The application was put on hold until Larry could be contacted.

Joyce & John Engstrom submitted an application for a little library to be placed on their property. The application was approved.

Dean Potter, owner of Lakeside Hotel at Chateau Frontenac 28796 Lake Ave Way, submitted an application to raise the lower border 2' on 2 windows to allow placement of a kitchen counter inside. Landscaping underneath the windows will be done to blend the height discrepancy of the other windows on the building. He also wanted to install a transom window above the front entry door. The application was approved.

## Old Business

The grant decision will be announced April 23.

Continued discussion on broadband. A subcommittee of Casey & Todd will look into how to get a "shovel ready" plan and how best to reach out to residents, county and state representatives. HPC contacted the planning commission to begin discussion within their commission as well.

Continued discussion on reviewing HPC design guidelines and application. A guest commented that when they were building, the guidelines were confusing to them indicating that a discussion is needed. If the grant is received, we hope the new registry will help in getting the guidelines up to date.

## New business

Items reviewed by the subcommittee for ordinance/bylaw changes were discussed including number of members on the commission, removal of members, absences, resident definition, members from same household and renewal and reapplying of terms.

Also discussed was "demolition by neglect" or "duty to maintain" ordinance creation. Bill Bruce gave a presentation with examples of ordinances from other cities and counties. Bill and I will talk to Goodhue County zoning staff to see if they already have any ordinances related to property maintenance that could be applied to our situation as a place to start. Depending on what is found there will determine how we move forward.

Casey will be contacting Jody to update some of the links that are on the HPC page of the township website.

Joyce and I will organize the lilac giveaway. A date for Saturday May 15 was set. There is an amendment to this – contact with the nursery revealed that there are no bare root lilacs available this year due to Covid. The giveaway will not be held.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Kouchich, HPC chair