

Mechanicsburg Borough
Historic Architectural Review Board
Monday, July 6th, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

Attendance

The following were present:

Board Members: Chairman Haines, Codes Officer Ciecierski, M. Eberly, T. DeWire

Staff: Sara Heenan - Administrative Assistant

Council: M. Stoner

Liaison: Kyle Miller - Absent

Applicants: None

Absent Board Members: M. Scolforo, Vice Chairman Querry & L. Humes

Others: None

- I. Call to Order**
Chairman Haines called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

- II. Approval of the June 1, 2015 Minutes**
DeWire moved to approve the minutes as presented and Eberly seconded. The motion passed with all in favor.

- III. Placement of Items on the Consent Agenda**
None.

- IV. Approval of the Consent Agenda Applications**
No consent agenda applications.

- V. Application of Khaled Khalafelle & Walid Khalil – 245 East Main Street – Rear – for Signage.**
Chairman Haines asked Codes Officer Ciecierski if there were any issues with the application from a Zoning perspective. Ciecierski explained that the sign fell under a grandfathered non-conforming use and so, despite its size being larger than would usually be permitted, it did meet Zoning. DeWire brought up the issue that there was no applicant present to represent the project. Eberly agreed that the HARB has made a habit of not approving applications without representation and they don't want to set a precedent. Eberly motioned to table the application on these grounds. Haines suggested possibly making a recommendation to deny the application so the

applicant could still go to Council to make their case rather than have the application sit tabled for another month at the HARB level and have to take down the sign. Eberly then withdrew her motion to table the signage at 245 East Main Street - Rear and motioned to recommend denial of the application because the applicant installed the sign before the HARB meeting, the applicant was not present to answer questions or provide additional information and the sign is too large (sign will take the place of an existing grandfathered non-conforming sign). DeWire seconded and the motion passed with all in favor.

VI. Correspondence

None.

VII. Other Business

Chairman Haines requested that discussion on strategy for survey work of the Historic District be put on the agenda for August.

The HARB gives kudos to the Fire Department for saving the Frankeberger Tavern from the fire Saturday night.

VIII. Adjournment

Chairman Haines adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.