

PRESENT	Loretta Frankovitch, Pete Coppins, Rita Geiben, Chris O’Hara, Jillian Stokes, Historian Russ Piper, Donna Cassick, Shannon Fundis, Stephanie Longwell
CALL TO ORDER	Loretta Frankovitch called the Historical Preservation Commission meeting to order at 6:00pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.
MINUTES	A motion was made by Pete Coppins seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to approve the June 10, 2024 minutes as submitted.
OLD BUSINESS	125 S 5th St. – Bocce Ball Court – Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-07 Owner Taylor Crystal explained he attended a zoning meeting and they recommended he come to the HPC Board to see if the bocce ball court fits in the historical community. For me, I do not see it as an eyesore or a disturbance. There is definitely other things in this district that take away the charm of this historical community that we all live in.

Loretta Frankovitch stated we are concerned about whether it fits within the historic district or not. We are ruled by the Secretary of Interior Standards. Some examples are identifying, retaining, and preserving features of the building sites that are important in defining historic character and retaining the historic relationship between buildings and the landscape. What’s not recommended is introducing new construction into historic districts which is visually incompatible or that destroys historic relationships within the setting or which damages or destroys important landscape features. The issue is how this structure fits into the landscape of the historical district. This is the entrance to the Plain St. District. I get the feeling that it rubs some people the wrong way because it doesn’t fit in. I know you have expressed that it is temporary, that it is movable or changeable because it is not a permanent structure.

Rita Geiben asked if this is the only place on the property on your whole property that you could put this.

Crystal stated he could have taken out shrubs, garden beds and small trees on the north side of the property. If it was moved there then you couldn’t get through and we would have to walk around the property or walk through the bocce ball pit. However, it would be very visible coming off Center St. I would like to leave it where it is, if possible.

Frankovitch asked if you would be open to covering it or shrouding it with lavender or Russian sage or something to kind of block or soften it.

Crystal said I love that idea and I think it would look good. All the houses I own in the Village I have full time land care and we upkeep the houses.

Pete Coppins asked if there is any way you could move it closer to the house. I’m not for your location at all but if it’s pushed through for some reason, I think if it’s closer to the house so it wouldn’t be so obvious and our snow plows wouldn’t have any chance of hitting it. People walking down the street wouldn’t have any chance of tripping on it. That’s an option I would entertain, but putting it on the other side of the house would be much better.

Chris O’Hara stated I wasn’t for it, but I like the idea if you put something around it, I think it would look very nice and I’m fine with it.

Geiben said I prefer that it be moved. I think as you look down the historic district it does not fit into the neighborhood. This is a beautiful home and I think it distracts from your home. I would put it on the other side of your house and soften it up.

A motion was made by Pete Coppins seconded by Rita Geiben to accept the Bocce Ball Court Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-07 at 125 S 5th St. Donna Cassick polled the Board and the application was denied as follows:

O’Hara – No Geiben – No Coppins – No Stokes – Yes Frankovitch – No

Coppins stated we are recommending to the Planning and Zoning Boards that the bocce ball court be moved from its current location to another location on the property that is not hindering the Village right of way along with softening its visual effect from the street, whether it be on the side of the house, back of the house or if Zoning approves

its current location.

NEW BUSINESS **520 Center St – His x Hearse Tattoo– Sign Application**

Frankovitch stated that in the past we have approved applications that are very clear. I do not think this is clear. I could not figure out the words on the window until I read the application. The X is too big and the Hearse I didn’t get at all.

O’Hara said she went by the shop and thinks it looks nicer in person than what the picture shows.

Coppins stated when he walked by he just looked up at His x Hearse and thought the word Tattoo at the bottom was just something on the shelf.

Geiben said I do not think it is a very effective sign at all.

Frankovitch stated because we are judging aesthetics, we can tell them the sign is confusing and they would do better if they had a clearer sign.

A motion was made by Frankovitch seconded by Coppins and passed unanimously to deny the sign application for His x Hearse Tattoo at 520 Center St.

Frankovitch stated that she would reach out to the owners to discuss reasons for their denial and encourage them to attend the next HPC meeting.

401 Cayuga St – White Picket Fence with Pergola-Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-08

Owner Neil Belden stated he would like to remove the chain link fence on 4th Street and replace with a four ft. high white picket fence and place a white pergola over the driveway which would remain open. Both will be made of wood.

A motion was made by Geiben seconded by O’Hara and passed unanimously to approve the Application for Certificate of Appropriateness 2024-08 at 401 Cayuga St. for a four ft. high white picket fence and pergola over the driveway along the S. 4th St. side of the property. Both will be made of wood.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Chris O’Hara seconded by Rita Geiben and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm.

Donna Cassick Deputy Clerk