Village of Springville Historic Preservation Commission

JUNE 14, 2021 7:00 pm

A meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the Village of Springville was held as a ZOOM Meeting at the above date and time. Present were:

Chairman: Bill Skura

Vice Chairman: John Baronich-Absent

Members: Helen Brogan

Don Orton-Absent

Eric Tuberdyke-Alternate

Also present: Reed Brayman

Clair Wrazin Nghi To

Clerk: Jennifer Blumenstein

After the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Bill Skura called the meeting to order at 7:15p.m.

Chairman Skura asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 10, 2021 meeting.

Dave Batterson made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Helen Brogan. All in favor, none opposed.

The first Certificate of Appropriateness came from Clair Wrazin and Nghi To with the Springville Center for the Arts. The Springville Center for the Arts is looking to paint a Mural on the wall at 46 E. Main Street. The Mural will be completed by either volunteers, interns or Clair Wrazin.

The owner of the property was hesitant to remove the existing Electric Sign on his building and Clair Wrazin and Nghi To said that they could work around the sign if needed.

After some discussion, Dave Batterson made the motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented, with the stipulation that they might have to work around the existing Electric Sign. Seconded by Helen Brogan. All in favor, none opposed and one abstained.

The next thing the Board discussed was an email that they received from Jeff Cecala regarding the property owned by his mother (Shirley Cecala) at 31 E. Main Street. Jeff mentioned that the front lawn is getting real bad and that mowing that property is getting difficult. Jeff and his mother are wondering if they could just pave over the area. They also want to know if they could do the same thing in the alleyway. There are flowers planted there, but again it is difficult for Jeff or Shirley Cecala to maintain this.

There was a lot of discussion in regards to this email. The Board does not think paving the front of the building is allowed. The Greenspace is part of the Historic District and paving this area would be in violation. The Greenspace needs to be protected.

Helen Brogan is working on finding a solution for the flowers and plants in the alley. She is hoping to find someone willing to take on this project of weeding and maintaining so they can keep the flowers. Helen said that she would contact Shirley Cecala and discuss this with her.

The Board talked about previous applications and the status of them. The application for the property at 70 Franklin Street has been completed and looks wonderful.

The work at 64 and 74 W. Main Street is moving along nicely. Both of the properties have had the roofs completed.

The Board is very concerned about the work being completed at 18 E. Main Street. (The Brewery) The project is moving very slowly and does not seem to be in compliance with what was approved by the Board. The Board is going to send a letter to the owners of the property asking for new designs and plans for the building along with a new Certificate of Appropriateness if they are not going to stick to the original plan for the building.

Helen Brogan made the motion to adjourn at 8:10pm, seconded by Dave Batterson. All in favor, none opposed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Blumenstein