City of North Tonawanda

Historic Preservation Commission

City Hall
216 Payne Ave.
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Regular Meeting – April 20, 2015, 6:00 PM

Minutes

Present: Jay Soemann, April Gampp, Robert Welch, Linda Hayes, Rae Proefrock, Joe Fonzi
Absent: Peter Trinkwalder

Meeting Called to Order at: 6:03 PM

New Business:
Kiersten Minnick gave an update on the National Historic District designation – conversations were ongoing regarding our application, we should be able to host a site visit within a few months. The Pine Woods Drive area was of interest to the designation committee, they would like more information, as well as more research on how the Sweeney estate was broken up and sold.

84 Sweeney Street, State Farm – Scott Huber from State Farm was present to discuss his application for new signage. Proposed individual can letters with a raceway to hold them. Committee advised the raceway needs to be painted to match the brick. Proposed awning will match others in the district.

Motion to approve, as per signage will be cohesive with the rest of the building
1st Jay Soemann 2nd Joe Fonzi
Ayes__6_, Nayes__0__

62 Webster Street, Canal Club 62 – Cathy Schwandt (tenant) and Mark Brauchlact from Hayes Construction were present to discuss proposed window replacement. Committee advised that because that building's owner had received state funding, that their request would also need to be approved by the State Historic Preservation office. Proposed windows included black metal framing, windows would have a light tint, and would remain in their current configuration. Committee stated that the framing needed to be a bronze/dark brown color to match the building, as well as others in the district, or could be brushed aluminum.

Fire department stated that the column in front of the building may need to be widened to accommodate a Knox Box.

Motion to approve, with lighter color framing (brown or brushed aluminum. Rae to send a letter to NY State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO).
1st April Gampp 2nd Linda Hayes
Ayes__6_, Nayes__0__

163 Sweeney Street – Dockside Bar and Grill – Jay Shepard (owner) and Frank Lazarus (designer) were present to discuss unapproved design changes/construction, as well as proposed signage. Siding on the outside of the original building was removed, and samples were brought of the new proposed siding, composite cedar shake shingle. Committee approved of new siding. Roof line was changed from the

original submission as well, committee approved of the new look. All windows were removed on the street side of the original building, and replaced with light fixtures due to interior configuration. Window also replaced on opposite side of the building because of new dishwasher area on the inside, current proposed window would be white vinyl, committee advised that the window should be painted/trimmed out to match the rest of the windows.

New sign to be installed on the new addition, on Sweeney St. side of the building, to be constructed of corroded steel/flat lettering.

Marquee sign – already approved by zoning and planning commissions. Would be installed above entrance/walkway porch on Sweeney St. side of the building. LED display, with NO flashing, scrolling, or animation, static image on the screen will change approx. once every 30 seconds, then stays on after 11pm. Proposed diagram was not to scale, making marquee appear much larger than it actually was, a new diagram will be submitted.

Commission reiterated to Jay Shepard that any changes from original submission MUST be approved prior to work being completed.

Motion to approve:
New composite cedar shake shingles on original building
Window removal on Sweeney Street side of original building
LED Marquee sign
1st Linda Hayes 2nd Jay Soemann
Ayes__5_, Nayes__0__ Abstain __1__

Pine Woods Park – Joe Fonzi advised that Bill Parkhill, City Forester was interested in having the columns at Pine Woods park rebuilt, and new caps put on. An application may be forthcoming.

Old Business:

Grant application was submitted to Preserve NY by Mike Zimmerman, April Gampp and Kiersten Minnick to pay for completion of NYS/National historic designation application.

Meeting minutes from February and March approved
1st Linda Hayes 2nd Joe Fonzi
Ayes__6_, Nayes__0__

Meeting adjourned 8:02 pm.