

**SUMMARY NOTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION  
MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011  
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD**

On Monday, July 11, 2011, at the Northfield Village Board Room, 361 Happ Road, the Architectural Commission met at 7:00 P.M. to consider three issues:

Members in Attendance:

Pat Karr, Chair  
Jason Felicione  
Tim Engling  
Cathy Magers

Members Absent:

Steve Hirsch  
Steve Page  
Patricia Leonard

OTHERS PRESENT: Linnea O'Neill and Trustee Joan Frazier (see attached sign-in sheet).

Chair Karr requested approval of the Summary Notes of the June 13, 2011, Architectural Commission meeting.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Magers, Seconded by Commissioner Engling to approve the Architectural Commission Summary Notes of June 13, 2011.**

The vote was as follows:

**AYES: 4**

Pat Karr  
Jason Felicione  
Tim Engling  
Cathy Magers

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**

Steve Hirsch  
Steve Page  
Patricia Leonard

**Motion Carried**

**ISSUE #1: COLONIAL LANE – Consideration of a request for permanent directional signage for the Colonial Lane Town homes. The petitioner is the Colonial Lane Homeowners Association. (Project #2011-0113)**

John True and Brea Maremont, Directors of the Colonial Lane Homeowners Association were present before the Commission. They indicated they have been Directors for 4 to 5 years. The residences were built in 1968 and there has been a 5 to 6 year plan for improvements. This year, the current signage will be enhanced, new speed limit sign installed and lowered in height and two directional signs installed (one on the island when entering and the other on the north side). Mr. True indicated they plan to enhance the Happ Road entrance

sign. The new sign package enhancements will be aesthetic and practical from a safety standpoint.

Chair Karr asked if there are 32 units. Ms. Maremont indicated there are 36 units, 12 are rentals on the south side.

Commissioner Engling stated he appreciated the enhancements and that the signs look nice. He also indicated that the picture of the speed limit sign in the packet shows 20 mph, but it should be 10 mph. Mr. True indicated that it will be 10 mph.

There being no further discussion, the following motion was made:

**A motion was made by Commissioner Engling; Seconded by Commissioner Magers to recommend approval of the new signage package for the Colonial Lane Town homes, in conformance with plans dated June 6, 2011.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**AYES: 4**

**Pat Karr**

**Jason Felicione**

**Tim Engling**

**Cathy Magers**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**

**Steve Hirsch**

**Steve Page**

**Patricia Leonard**

**Motion Carried**

**ISSUE #2: 401 WAGNER ROAD – Consideration of a request for a variance to allow the Northfield Park District to increase the maximum scoreboard size from 24 square feet to 40 square feet and a request for a variance to exceed the overall signage on the property beyond 100 square feet located at Willow Park. The petitioner is the Northfield Park District.**

Bill Byron was present for George Alexoff of the Northfield Park District. He indicated that all the specifications are listed in the packets and asked if there were any questions.

Chair Karr appreciated Mr. Byron coming in Mr. Alexoff's absence and indicated staff has made their recommendation and asked the Commission for their comments or questions. Commissioner Engling indicated he didn't have any questions. Commissioner Felicione said he loved it and was all for it.

Commissioner Magers questioned whether it was customary to show the Northfield Park District website on the scoreboard. Mr. Byron indicated it is in other communities. Chair Karr pointed out that staff recommended that it be removed. Commissioner Felicione asked Mr. Byron if this was the first he had

heard of this. Mr. Byron said yes and that it seemed to be a standard practice to put the website on the board. Ms. O'Neill indicated that staff is consistent in recommending no websites be listed on signs within the Village; websites on signs are seen as redundant and adds to sign clutter. Chair Karr asked if websites were listed at Sunset Ridge or Middlefork. The response was no. Mr. Byron indicated that it would not be see outwardly, only inside the park.

Commissioner Felicione recommended keeping with the Village's consistency of no website on signs. Commissioner Engling agreed.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Felicione, Seconded by Commissioner Magers to approve the variance from Section 12-5(18) of the Sign Ordinance to allow the two (2) 40.20 square foot scoreboards and approval of the variance from Section 12-6(b) of the Sign Ordinance to allow for the increase of the overall Willow Park signage to be more than 100 square feet with the following condition:**

**1. The Park District removes the website from the Northfield Park District ad sign.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**AYES: 4**

**Pat Karr**

**Jason Felicione**

**Tim Engling**

**Cathy Magers**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**

**Steve Hirsch**

**Steve Page**

**Patricia Leonard**

**Motion Carried**

**ISSUE #3: 1735 ORCHARD LANE – Consideration of a request for permanent signage for Stormy's Tavern & Grille located at 1735 Orchard Lane. The petitioner is Charles W. Bidwell III on behalf of Stormy Chadwicks, LLC. (Project #2011-0114)**

Charles Bidwell III was present on behalf of Stormy Chadwick, LLC, and requesting approval for the removal and replacement of the existing Seul's Tavern and Grill wall sign.

Chair Karr asked if the ownership has changed hands. Mr. Bidwell indicated not at this point but on July 5, 2011, they received a Special Use from the Plan Commission to allow for new ownership. They plan to fully remodel the interior with new floors, ceiling tiles. No changes to the exterior will be made except to the sign. They plan to close on July 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup> for interior remodeling and open for business at the end of August.

Commissioner Felicione thanked Mr. Bidwell for cleaning up Seuls. He asked if the sign is illuminated. Ms. O'Neill indicated it wasn't internally lit.

Mr. Bidwell went on to say that they plan on using gooseneck lighting similar to the Happ Inn. Commissioner Magers asked about the two (2) sign colors proposed; are they using the green sign or red sign. Mr. Bidwell indicated they will be installing the green sign.

Mr. Bidwell also responded to Commissioner Felicione's question as to whether or not the restaurant will be kid friendly. Mr. Bidwell said he intends to bring back the family atmosphere and will definitely be kid friendly.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Magers, Seconded by Commissioner Engling to recommend approval of the proposed replacement of the wall sign for Stormy's Tavern and Grille at 1725 Orchard Lane in conformance with the plans submitted June 15, 2011.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**AYES: 4**

**Pat Karr  
Jason Felicione  
Tim Engling  
Cathy Magers**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**

**Steve Hirsch  
Steve Page  
Patricia Leonard**

**Motion Carried**

There being no further issues to discuss upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Felicione, seconded by Commissioner Magers and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

HGM 7/12/11

Approved 9/12/11