

**SUMMARY NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD**

On Monday, March 13, 2006 at the Northfield Village Board Room, 361 Happ Road, the Architectural Commission met at 7:30 P.M. to consider one issue:

Members in Attendance:

Pat Karr, Chairperson
Todd Berlinghof
Juergen Fuss
Steve Hirsch
Tom Jennings
James Hayes

Members Absent:

Steven Page

OTHERS PRESENT: Linnea O'Neill, Village Planner (see attached sign-in sheet).

Chairperson Karr opened the meeting with an overview of the issues to be considered at this meeting.

Chairperson Karr requested approval of the Summary Notes of the February 13, 2006 Architectural Commission meeting.

A motion was made by Commissioner Hirsch, Seconded by Commissioner Jennings to approve the Architectural Commission Summary Notes of February 13, 2006.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 6

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Chairperson Karr
Todd Berlinghof
Tom Jennings
Juergen Fuss
Steve Hirsch
James Hayes

Steven Page

Motion Carried

ISSUE #1: Consideration of a request for approval of permanent signage for Mita Salon at 328 Frontage Road, submitted by Michael and Edyta Lee.

Mark Collins from Sign A-Rama of Skokie, Illinois, was present along with Michael Lee, owner of Mita Salon. Mr. Collins indicated to the Commission that the signage proposed would be laser cut white acrylic letters, $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick to be mounted with pads and studs to the brick façade and will be $\frac{1}{2}$ " from the surface to create a shadow effect. He indicated that Mr. Lee is now proposing the use of architectural lighting to the right and left of the sign. Mr. Collins passed pictures of the proposed lighting to the Commission.

Commissioner Berlinghof questioned the mounting. Mr. Collins said the sign will be stud mounted (pressure mounted) with 3" aluminum studs threaded to a pad on the back of the letter, produce and pattern and drill holes with an impact drill and then use silicone to mount.

Commissioner Berlinghof then asked if Mr. Lee owned the building. Mr. Lee indicated they do own the building.

Commissioner Fuss asked if the outside of the building is red brick. He was informed it is. Commissioner Hirsch asked about further signage. Mr. Lee indicated no further signage. Commissioner Fuss asked about the new horizontal lighting, just to the right and left. Mr. Lee stated that the other lighting around the building is a gooseneck light, so they chose this type of light to match, or it was the closest they could find.

Commissioner Hayes advised petitioner that the reason proposed lighting is submitted to staff ahead of the meeting was so their neighbors would be advised of the new lighting and its impact. Chairperson Karr felt that since this business faced the highway and there were buildings on both sides that it should not be a problem.

Commissioner Berlinghof could not remember this matter being before the Commission before. Ms. O'Neill stated it was a little over a year ago. Mr. Lee indicated he remembered Commissioner Berlinghof being present at that meeting.

Commissioner Berlinghof then indicated he agreed that the sign should be lit, but asked how it will look with the rest of the building. Mr. Lee said he had a hard time finding lighting to match the colonial style of the other lighting, but found this type of light in Wisconsin. Commissioner Berlinghof said he had no objection to the sign or the lighting.

Commissioner Jennings asked if the other lighting was solely for security purposes. Mr. Lee indicated yes it was.

Ms. O'Neill asked what color they plan to use for the lighting fixtures. Mr. Lee said they would match the building's lighting, either black or rustic. Commissioner Berlinghof suggested they either match the fixtures or the brick color.

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Berlinghof, Seconded by Commissioner Fuss to approve the sign as submitted with white acrylic, ½" spacing and lighting as presented to match the building or other lighting fixtures.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 6

Chairperson Karr

Todd Berlinghof

Juergen Fuss

Steve Hirsch

Tom Jennings

James Hayes

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Steven Page

Motion Carried

An informal discussion was presented by Linnea O'Neill with respect to the Village Public Works Department's request to build a storage shed behind the current salt dome (as depicted in picture). She indicated she was not aware of the colors which would be used. Chairperson Karr said she had no objection to the shed as long as it could not be seen from the condominiums. Ms. O'Neill felt that it could not be seen from the condominiums and that it would be 20' x 20' and would be used to hold mulch and other landscaping items.

A motion was made by Commissioner Berlinghof, Seconded by Commissioner Hirsch to approve the storage shed as proposed to be located behind the salt dome.

The vote was as follows:

AYES: 6

**Chairperson Karr
Todd Berlinghof
Juergen Fuss
Steve Hirsch
Tom Jennings
James Hayes**

NAYS: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

Steven Page

Motion Carried

There being no further issues to discuss upon a motion duly made by Commissioner Hayes, seconded by Commissioner Hirsch and passed, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

HGM 3/14/06

Approved 4/10/06