

**SUMMARY NOTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION  
MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2009  
VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD**

On Monday, March 9, 2009, at the Northfield Village Board Room, 361 Happ Road, the Architectural Commission met at 7:00 P.M. to consider two issues:

Members in Attendance:  
Steve Page, Acting Chair  
Tom Jennings  
Juergen Fuss  
Jason Felicione

Members Absent:  
Pat Karr  
Steve Hirsch  
Patricia Leonard

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

Acting Chair Page requested approval of the Summary Notes of the February 9, 2009, Architectural Commission meeting.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jennings, Seconded by Commissioner Felicione to approve the Architectural Commission Summary Notes of February 9, 2009.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**AYES: 4**  
Steve Page, Acting Chair  
Tom Jennings  
Juergen Fuss  
Jason Felicione

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**  
Pat Karr  
Steve Hirsch  
Patricia Leonard

**Motion Carried**

**ISSUE #1: Consideration of a request for permanent signage for New Foundation Center (formerly Wilpower) located at 444 West Frontage Road. The petitioner is Ms. Susan Shimon.**

Susan Shimon informed the Commission that she is requesting a name change on her signage. The signage size will not change just the colors, name and logo. There is currently a sign in the front facing Frontage Road and a sign in the back which can only be seen from the parking lot.

Commissioner Jennings asked if the signs will be exactly the same size and whether or not they are illuminated. Ms. Shimon indicated the signs will not be illuminated and are planned to be the same.

Commissioner Fuss questioned the material to be used. Ms. Shimon said she wasn't sure, but that it was the same materials currently used. Ms. Linnea O'Neill pointed out that the plans indicated ¼" thick PVC Sintra Brand. Acting Chair Page asked if the background would be white and Ms. Shimon said it will be white.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Jennings, Seconded by Commissioner Felicione to approve the request for the sign replacements at New Foundation Center, 444 Frontage Road, in conformance with the plans submitted February 2, 2009.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**AYES: 4**

**Steve Page, Acting Chair**

**Tom Jennings**

**Juergen Fuss**

**Jason Felicione**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**

**Pat Karr**

**Steve Hirsch**

**Patricia Leonard**

**Motion Carried**

**ISSUE #2: Consideration of design drawings and lighting for a proposed 60 foot bell tower at St. Philip the Apostle Parish located at 1962 Old Willow Road. The petitioner is St. Philip the Apostle Parish.**

Geoff Pautsch was present and reminded the Commission that petitioners came before them last year for an approval of a one story addition. A new bell tower was mentioned at the time, but plans had not been finalized. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved a 60' height for the new tower which is down in height from the 104' original tower which was taken down in 1999. Mr. Pautsch went on to say that the new structure will use new tubular steel painted a bronze color to match the parish structure's windows. The upper 24' of the tower consists of the original structure including the original cross. The original three bells will be put back up and hang below the speakers. The corona is a smaller version than the original due to weight loads.

Commissioner Jennings asked what material was used on the original bell tower. Mr. Pautsch indicated that it was a brick structure which was taken down for safety reasons. They are going with the tubular structure now to have a more open feeling to the church.

Mr. Larry Kahn responded to Acting Chair Page's question regarding lighting. He said there will be one light fixture on the tower and Grow-Low Sumac planted at the base of the tower. He then passed to the Commission members the light fixture's specifications. The metal halide light will shine straight into the tower and project 60' into the air. There will not be any light shining onto adjacent properties. The light will be operated by a timer which will reflect the church's hours of operations and services going on at sunset and off at 11:00 p.m.

Commissioner Jennings questioned how the metal on the structure will be bronzed. Mr. Kahn indicated that the bronzing will be done in the shop and that the steel will be galvanized. There will be one coat of primer and two coats of high quality Benjamin Moore paint specially used for steel. Mr. Jennings wondered how long until maintenance was required. Mr. Kahn felt it would last for 10 to 15 years. The new bell tower will be located on the south line of the baptistery wall. The framing will match the corona on top and will sit on a concrete foundation. Mr. Kahn went on to say that the structure will be erected with one crane all at once.

Mr. Pautsch informed the Commission that the speaker system will only ring for the later two masses and the evening mass on Saturday. He compared it to the bells at the Northfield Community Church.

Commissioner Felicione asked if the corona was currently on site. Mr. Kahn indicated it is, but that it will be refinished and lacquered.

Commissioner Fuss had concerns about the height of the first cross bar. He felt that it would be very easy for kids to reach the lower cross bar which is 6'3" and start climbing the tower. He asked if they planned anything to deter this from happening. Mr. Kahn indicated that they hadn't and would take it under advisement with the church. Commissioner Fuss suggested raising the first bar. Mr. Pautsch suggested bushes being planted around the tower. Commissioner Fuss then questioned the location of the tower. Mr. Kahn said they planned it to be by the baptistery with exposure to the public without conflicting with the church structure. It was moved further back and east from the prior tower.

A discussion then continued with Commission members regarding the safety issue with the first bar. Suggestions included raising the bar, eliminating the first bar, raising the tower and planting rose bushes. It was agreed that the first bar was needed for bracing the structure but that it should be at least 8' off the ground. Ms. O'Neill suggested that the Building Department could review the new plans, thus eliminating the petitioner from coming back before the Commission.

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

**A motion was made by Commissioner Felicione, Seconded by Commissioner Fuss to approve the request for the bell tower at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1962 Old Willow Road, in conformance with the plans submitted February 2, 2009, with the exception that the first steel tubing brace be at least 8' from the ground.**

**The vote was as follows:**

**AYES: 4**

**Steve Page, Acting Chair**

**Tom Jennings**

**Juergen Fuss**

**Jason Felicione**

**NAYS: 0**

**ABSTAIN: 0**

**ABSENT: 3**

**Pat Karr**

**Steve Hirsch**

**Patricia Leonard**

**Motion Carried**

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

HGM 3/10/09

***Approved 4/13/09***