

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD  
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH  
MEETING MINUTES**

**August 25, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.  
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823  
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**CALL TO ORDER:**

The August 25, 2020, regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order by Mr. McGinley at 8:30 a.m. Members met virtually due to Covid-19 restrictions.

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sam McGinley  
Nicole Mendinsky  
Gay Dunne  
Pat Long  
Megan Tooker

**EXCUSED:** Maria Day  
Walter Schneider

**STAFF MEMBERS:** Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

**GUEST:** Joanne Tosti-Vasey, Brian Gavek, Mike Matsko

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**ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

**DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST:** None.

**DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION:** None.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Ms. Dunne moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2020, HARB meeting.  
Ms. Long seconded the motion.  
Motion carried.

**PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**120 South Water Street – Signage**

Brian Gavek of Gavek Graphics talked about the signage project at 120 South Water Street. The project entails a double-sided hanging sign mounted on the upper fascia of the building. The picture presented showed their brand and colors.

**Ms. Long moved to recommend to Council to approve the signage project at 120 South Water Street as presented.**

**Ms. Dunne seconded the motion.**

The colors of the sign were discussed. Ms. Dunne inquired if the sign will be located in the same location as the current sign. The current sign was already removed. The landlord asked that it be raised a little bit. It is over the railing and not over the sidewalk.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**374 Phoenix Avenue – “Willow Tree Home Healthcare” Signage**

Business owner, Marleen Matsko, applied for a sign for her new home healthcare business. The sign is 24” x 89” long. It meets all of the sign requirements.

**Ms. Dunne moved to recommend to Council to approve the sign project at 374 Phoenix Avenue, as presented.**

**Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.**

The office is near Centre Boot, in the same building. Ms. Dunne inquired about the discussion relative to Centre Boot wherein HARB discussed conformity with all of the retail spaces there. Ms. Tosti-Vasey recalled a discussion on the style of sign, i.e. all ovals, all squares, but the signs would be individual. Mr. McGinley stated that HARB needed to let each store be themselves, within reason. He liked the sign. Ms. Tooker does not recall a conversation about this, but she does not think that HARB should be so restrictive to say that all the signs should look similar. She liked the sign and it was their identity.

**Motion carried unanimously via roll call.**

**ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:** Nothing presented.

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Mr. Stewart discussed the roll call votes versus no objection and stating as such on the agenda. That way, members do not have to do roll call votes each time for approvals. This system works well for Council.

The Gamble Mill, Pizza Hut and the waterfront were discussed briefly.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nothing presented.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Nothing presented.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no other business to come before HARB,

**Ms. Long moved to adjourn.**  
**Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.**  
**Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.