TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES – MARCH 14, 2023

The regular meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held remotely on March 14, 2023. Mr. Heinz called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Those present:

Historical Architectural Review Board: Stephen Heinz, Chair

Jennifer Stark, Secretary Jeff Hirko, Member

Michael Kirk, Member/Code Enforcement Officer

Liuba Lashchyk, Member

Others: Fredric K. Weiss, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Stark moved, Mr. Hirko seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2022 as amended.

Mr. Kirk moved, Ms. Lashchyk seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2023 as written.

REORGANIZATION

Ms. Stark moved, Ms. Lashchyk seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Stephen Heinz as Chair for 2023

Mr. Heinz moved, Ms. Lashchyk seconded and it was unanimously carried to elect Jennifer Stark as Secretary for 2023.

FINE WINE AND SPIRITS (Tax Parcel #20-016-068-003) 635 Heacock Road New Signage

Mr. Jim Brett, Forman Signs, Drummond Road, Philadelphia, PA was present. He stated they have been hired by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to update the signage on Heacock Road in Yardley.

Mr. Heinz asked if this is a standard proposal for the State, and Mr. Brett stated the sign letter style and colors are all standard Statewide. He stated this sign is a single-faced, non-illuminated sign. He stated the background is constructed of aluminum which is framed up with structural, concealed aluminum angle and then painted the burgundy color. He stated the letters are half inch thick acrylic which are painted white and are flush mounted to the face of the aluminum pan so it gives a three-dimensional look in keeping with the other signs in the Center which have a raised look from the background. He stated it is not lit from within.

Mr. Heinz asked if the light that is there will remain; and Mr. Brett stated while they are not involved in that part, it is his understanding that what is existing will be used.

Mr. Brett stated the octagonal shape of the sign is in keeping with the other signs in the Center, and the size and shape of the proposed sign is the exact size and shape as it exists now. He stated the only difference is the color.

Mr. Heinz stated the color that is shown is brown, and he asked if there is a color could be specified in the Application. Mr. Brett noted the name and number of the color which was provided to Mr. Kirk. Mr. Brett stated it is closer to a burgundy than a brown. Ms. Stark stated it could be considered a cordovan color, and Mr. Brett agreed.

Mr. Heinz asked if it is a matte finish or does it have a luster to it; and Mr. Brett stated as proposed it is not matte, but they could do that if specified. Mr. Heinz stated he would recommend the background be matte given the southeastern exposure. Ms. Stark stated she agrees that they should go with the matte background as it would hide imperfections in the surface. Mr. Hirko stated it would also not reflect the sunlight as much. Mr. Kirk stated he would also be in favor of the sign as proposed as long as it does not have the shine to it.

Mr. Kirk moved, Mr. Hirko seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the sign with the matte background and color as noted.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Heinz asked Dr. Weiss what was approved by the Board of Supervisors for Prickett's Preserve. Mr. Heinz asked Mr. Kirk if he could send HARB the presentation that they made before the Board of Supervisors so that he could

see what they presented to the Board. Dr. Weiss stated the barn was approved by the Board of Supervisors with the recommendations made by HARB. It was noted the Minutes of that meeting are available, and the meeting itself can be viewed on Facebook or YouTube. Mr. Kirk stated he will let HARB know what was the date of that meeting.

Ms. Stark stated the Citizens Bank at the Giant Shopping Center was going to paint part of the roof green and come back to HARB for comments; however, Mr. Kirk stated they changed it back to the neutral color that HARB had requested.

There being no further business, Ms. Stark moved, Mr. Hirko seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Stark, Secretary