

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES – MARCH 9, 2021

The regular meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board of the Township of Lower Makefield was held remotely on March 9, 2021. Mr. Heinz called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

Those present:

Historical Architectural Review Board: Stephen Heinz, Chair
 Jeff Hirko, Secretary
 Michael Kirk, Member/Code Enforcement
 Officer
 Liuba Lashchuk, Member
 Jennifer Stark, Member

Others: James Majewski, Director Planning & Zoning
 Daniel Grenier, Supervisor Liaison

Absent: Kathleen Webber, HARB Vice Chair

INVESTORS BANK SIGNS DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

Mr. Dennis O'Hara, Senior Vice President of Compass Sign Company, Bensalem, was present. He stated Investors Bank is acquiring the Berkshire Bank office on Stony Hill Road. They want to change out the signs from Berkshire Bank to Investors Bank. He stated they are going "like for like" as far as sign types. All signs will be non-illuminated.

Mr. O'Hara showed a picture of Sign No. 1 which is on the curved stone wall, and the Berkshire Bank letters will come down and new, non-illuminated Investors Bank letters will be installed.

Mr. Heinz noted the new letters appear more "gossamer" among the stone. Mr. O'Hara stated the Investors Bank letter style does have a thinner stroke, but he feels the letters will read well.

Mr. O'Hara showed a picture of Sign #2 which is to remove the Berkshire Bank letters from above the entry canopy door. He stated if any restoration is required once the letters come down that will be done, and then new, non-illuminated

letters will go up. Mr. O'Hara showed a picture of the rear of the building, and they will remove the Berkshire Bank letters, and do any wall restoration required, and then install the new, non-illuminated Investors Bank letters.

Mr. O'Hara stated there is also a directional sign which measures 2' by 3'. It is single-faced, and they plan to overlay a new face with brushed aluminum and black lettering on the brushed aluminum background.

Mr. Hirko stated he likes the smaller letters which are less of an impact to the Village.

Ms. Stark moved and Mr. Hirko seconded to accept the Investors Bank signage in totality as provided.

There was no public comment.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Majewski stated this will go to the Board of Supervisors on March 17 to consider granting the Certificate of Appropriateness for the signs.

Mr. O'Hara asked if the Applicant needs to be present; and Mr. Majewski stated while that is not required, it is helpful if the Board has a question.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Majewski stated he sent the Board an e-mail today that the Certified Local Government has some mini Grants available for scholarships for training and opportunities for continuing education which is a requirement for Certified Local Government. He stated last year most of the HARB members were able to do some training but not all of the members, and this year they need to make sure that everyone does the mandatory training so that Lower Makefield can remain a Certified Local Government.

Mr. Heinz asked the members to review this. He stated in the past Ms. Stark has advised of options for training as well.

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Mr. Heinz asked if there was any follow up with regard to extending development between Mr. Miller's property and the rest of the Village; however, there was no comment with regard to this issue.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Hirko moved, Ms. Stark seconded and it was unanimously carried to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2021 as written.

There being no further business, Ms. Stark moved, Mr. Hirko seconded and it was unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Hirko, Secretary