

ARCHITECTURAL

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF A MEETING
BEFORE THE VILLAGE OF NORTHFIELD
ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION

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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had before the Village of
Northfield Architectural Commission taken at the Northfield
Village Hall, Board Room, Northfield, Illinois on the 11th
day of February, 2019, at the hour of 7:01 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

TEV BOND, Chairman
BARNABY DINGES
MICHAEL SOLLITT
PATRICIA MORRELL
CORINNE CARR

ALSO PRESENT:

LINNEA O'NEILL, Staff Liaison
TOM TERRILL, Village Trustee Liaison

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Welcome to the February 11th, 2019
2 meeting of the Architectural Commission. My name is Tev
3 Bond, I'm the Chair. I'll let the other Commissioners
4 introduce themselves.

5 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Mike Sollitt.
6 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Barnaby Dinges.
7 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: Patty Morrell.
8 COMMISSIONER CARR: Corinne Carr.

9 CHAIRMAN BOND: We also have Linnea O'Neill
10 representing the Village of Northfield, Tom Terrill, a
11 Village Trustee Liaison.

12 MR. TERRILL: I like the way you pronounce it.

13 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, we have two items tonight, both
14 are continuations, both are signage. Can I have a
15 motion to approve the December 10th, 2018 meeting
16 minutes?

17 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: I move to approve the
18 December minutes.

19 CHAIRMAN BOND: Can I have a second?

20 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?
22 (Chorus of ayes.)

23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Motion passes.

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25 So, our first item is 1779 Willow Road. It's a
26 continuation of a request for approval of permanent
27 signage for North Dental. Petitioner has requested to
28 be continued to the April 8th meeting. Do we have a
29 motion?

30 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I'll move.

31 COMMISSIONER CARR: Can I ask a question before we
32 do that?

33 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes.

34 COMMISSIONER CARR: Do we have to take any action
35 on the temporary signage that's up there?

36 CHAIRMAN BOND: Linnea, do you feel that --

37 MS. O'NEILL: It's all tied in with his sign
38 request. So, when he comes back in April, that's when,
39 you know --

40 COMMISSIONER CARR: Okay, I just want to make sure
41 I understood, because there is temporary signage up now.

42 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right, there is temporary signage,
43 and that's part of what he'll be presenting on the 8th.

44 COMMISSIONER CARR: Okay, okay.

45 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, the Village has allowed that to
46 remain until he returns.

47 COMMISSIONER CARR: Just making sure we're all
48 clear on that, okay.

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50 **CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, okay. So, a motion for a**
51 **continuance?**

52 **COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Yes, please.**

1 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you. All in favor?
2 (Chorus of ayes.)
3 CHAIRMAN BOND: Any opposed?
4 (No response.)
5 CHAIRMAN BOND: Motion passes.
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7 4 HAPP ROAD - Continuation of a request for
8 approval of permanent signage for Am Yisrael
9 located at 4 Happ Road.
10 Petitioner: Am Yisrael
11 Property Index Number: 05-30-100-016
12 Project Number: 2018-0404

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14 Chairman Bond: Who is here to present on behalf of
15 the Petitioner?

16 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: I am, Nancy Holub Nevins.

17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, could you please approach the
18 podium to be sworn in?

19 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Of course.

20 (Witness sworn.)

21 CHAIRMAN BOND: State your name again please.

22 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Nancy Holub Nevins.

23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Nancy, would you like to be
24 addressed as Mrs. Holub Nevins?

25 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Just call me Nancy, it's okay.

26 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, thank you. So, the floor is
27 yours if you like.

28 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Okay, I am the Executive
29 Director at Am Yisrael Congregation. We were founded
30 about 50 years ago in 1968. A few years after that, we
31 purchased the land that we're on right now, and in 1974
32 we built the building that we're in right now, with a
33 sign on the street from the 1970's.

34 We have not changed that sign in all these 50
35 years. I would say a few months ago, one of our
36 congregant families came to us and offered to underwrite
37 a new sign that would look a little less dated, that
38 would have our logo and our branding on it. They were
39 very gracious about being willing to underwrite it and
40 putting us in touch with an excellent design firm,
41 Eiserman Associates.

42 We are delighted by this wonderful generous gift on
43 both levels and we would like to put the new sign up.
44 We're going to move the existing sign from the north
45 side of the driveway to the south side of the driveway.

46 There are some trees, there are actually yews that are
47 out there that really are blocking the view when you are
48 trying to pull out and go to the south. You can't see
49 the sign when you're coming from the south.

50 So, Mr. Eiserman and his firm came up with a
51 landscape plan that will get rid of the yews and replace
52 them with beautiful hydrangeas I believe it is, and

1 things that will make it visible so that we can see the
2 sign, so that we can see when we're pulling out. Mr.
3 Eiserman is here tonight to answer your technical
4 questions, because I can't do that but I can certainly
5 address any questions you might have about this e-mail.
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right, thank you.
7 COMMISSIONER CARR: But the existing sign is going
8 away?
9 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Yes.
10 COMMISSIONER CARR: Okay, I just want to make sure
11 I understood that.
12 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: And I believe we have a sample,
13 too, don't we?
14 CHAIRMAN BOND: Mr. Eiserman, would you like to be
15 sworn in?
16 MR. EISERMAN: Sure.
17 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you.
18 MR. EISERMAN: May I set this here?
19 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, that would be great.
20 (Witness sworn.)
21 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you, and state your full name
22 please.
23 MR. EISERMAN: Bill Eiserman.
24 CHAIRMAN BOND: Thank you. All right.
25 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Questions or comments?
26 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: So, I see you brought some
27 limestone?
28 MR. EISERMAN: Okay, yes. So, this is what the
29 viewable sign will be made out of, just a little piece,
30 where the letters and the logo, I don't know if logo is
31 the right word, but the --
32 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: It should be in your papers, but
33 I also --
34 MR. EISERMAN: There's a sheet that shows the
35 elevations on both the north and the south side.
36 CHAIRMAN BOND: I would like to thank you. You
37 gave us a very complete set of documents. So, thank you
38 very much for being thorough.
39 MR. EISERMAN: Sure.
40 MR. TERRILL: Real quickly, Mr. Eiserman. What is
41 the material, the paint color black, what is it, what
42 variety? What's the type of paint that is, just out of
43 curiosity?
44 MR. EISERMAN: I don't know. It's probably an oil
45 base, and it's sprayed on at the board. So, when they
46 cut the slab and they put the font and the lettering in,
47 it's then stenciled in and sprayed on after that.
48 MR. TERRILL: I'm just trying to figure out how
49 long this is going to last.
50 MR. EISERMAN: Well, I mean, we don't typically get
51 callbacks on that. It's the same kind of, when they,
52 it's the same type of material they use on the address

1 markers and sign markers that you get on some of the,
2 like some of the private lanes that mark out --
3 COMMISSIONER CARR: We had one on our house for 15
4 years, never faded away.
5 MR. EISERMAN: Yes.
6 MR. TERRILL: Okay.
7 MR. EISERMAN: So, it's going to be an oil base
8 because it has to both penetrate and stay like, you
9 know, maintain its consistency.
10 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do you happen to have the color of
11 the brown and the color of the green that you're going
12 to use for the brown and green?
13 MR. EISERMAN: I don't. Do you?
14 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: I do not.
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: Nancy, have you seen the actual
16 color of the brown and the green?
17 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: I have not. If it's based on
18 our logo, it's sort of -- can I just pull this up in
19 here?
20 CHAIRMAN BOND: Sure. So, Mr. Eiserman, is this
21 accurate for the color, that's on the sheet? The brown
22 and the green that's on the sheet, is this accurate?
23 That it would be similar to this?
24 MR. EISERMAN: Well, again, so not knowing the
25 Pantone, yes, it's similar to that. That is, yes, that
26 is correct. I don't know the exact Pantone.
27 CHAIRMAN BOND: Right.
28 MR. EISERMAN: So, I can't say that it's a certain
29 number. But yes, that is accurate.
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: Will it have this gradation that's
31 shown, darker to --
32 MR. EISERMAN: Yes, it will. Yes, it will.
33 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, would you like to see? Maybe
34 I'll just have to see the larger.
35 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: I just have a question about
36 the base. Can you just tell me a little bit about it?
37 MR. EISERMAN: Sure. So, it's concrete. It's
38 poured, there's three piers done in frost. Those piers
39 are pinned into a lintel. The lintel is exposed above
40 grade by three inches, it should be on there.
41 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: Yes, I see that there.
42 MR. EISERMAN: Two inches, yes. Then the sign
43 itself is doweled into that. It's 12-inch, I think
44 three-quarter stainless.
45 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: Okay, that answered my
46 question based on that.
47 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: It's not going anywhere I
48 assume.
49 MR. EISERMAN: We'd like it to stay.
50 COMMISSIONER DINGES: What is this font?
51 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: It's called Monoglyceride.
52 MR. EISERMAN: Demibold. Monoglyceride demibold.

1 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: It's a big deal right now.
2 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: It's our logo; it's our
3 branding.
4 COMMISSIONER DINGES: Nice. Very nice.
5 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Thank you.
6 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do we have any further questions?
7 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: I don't.
8 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I'd like to make a motion to
9 approve the sign.
10 CHAIRMAN BOND: Wait. Linnea, do you want to see
11 the actual colors before they go on the sign, the
12 Village? Or are you okay with --
13 MS. O'NEILL: If you want to just, they can just
14 send them to me, then they'll be in the file. Then I
15 can okay them if that's what you're --
16 CHAIRMAN BOND: Okay, so should we put that into
17 our motion for approval, that you get to see the actual
18 green and brown that's being used?
19 MS. O'NEILL: Yes, you can do the specifics.
20 MR. EISERMAN: Is the end of week fine?
21 MS. O'NEILL: Oh, yes.
22 MR. EISERMAN: Okay.
23 CHAIRMAN BOND: Then if it's acceptable for Linnea,
24 it's fine. You don't have to come back here. That's
25 what will happen.
26 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: I'll amend my motion to
27 this.
28 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, please.
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30 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Okay, I make a motion to
31 approve the sign subject to Linnea's approval of the
32 coloring of the logo, the Village's approval.
33 CHAIRMAN BOND: Do we have a second?
34 COMMISSIONER MORRELL: Second.
35 CHAIRMAN BOND: All in favor?
36 (Chorus of ayes.)
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38 CHAIRMAN BOND: Congratulations. Motion passes.
39 MS. HOLUB NEVINS: Thank you very much to all of
40 you.
41 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Thank you for coming out in
42 this miserable night.
43 (Pause.)
44 CHAIRMAN BOND: So, just a couple of quick notes.
45 We should have two new Commissioners join us at the next
46 meeting in March?
47 MS. O'NEILL: The March meeting, yes.
48 CHAIRMAN BOND: The March meeting.
49 MS. O'NEILL: They'll get sworn in this February.
50 COMMISSIONER CARR: Do we know who they are?
51 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes. Hopefully, it will be
52 Catherine Tolty, she's a landscape architect who

1 actually came in front of us for the James project.
2 COMMISSIONER CARR: Yes, I was going to say I
3 remember her. Very nice.
4 CHAIRMAN BOND: Then are you familiar with Andy
5 Boyer? He's an architect here in Northfield.
6 COMMISSIONER CARR: Oh, I know of him.
7 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes.
8 COMMISSIONER CARR: That's going to be good.
9 CHAIRMAN BOND: Yes, it will be great. Then just
10 wanted to give you a heads up. Next, this next meeting
11 coming up will be Walden Lane Willow Road. It's changed
12 significantly, but that will be coming in front of us
13 for March.
14 COMMISSIONER CARR: Wait, which one is that?
15 CHAIRMAN BOND: The Walden Lane, the one that had
16 like 20-something units on seven acres --
17 COMMISSIONER CARR: Oh, yes.
18 CHAIRMAN BOND: -- but it's quite a bit different
19 now.
20 COMMISSIONER CARR: Is that what they called it,
21 Walden Lane?
22 CHAIRMAN BOND: I think so. Walden Lane is the
23 name of it?
24 MS. O'NEILL: Yes, they're still calling it that.
25 CHAIRMAN BOND: All right. So, do I have a motion
26 to adjourn?
27 COMMISSIONER CARR: Motion to adjourn.
28 CHAIRMAN BOND: Second?
29 COMMISSIONER SOLLITT: Second.
30 CHAIRMAN BOND: Motion passes. Have a good
31 evening.
32 (Whereupon, at 7:32 p.m., the above-mentioned
33 meeting was adjourned.)
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