

**VILLAGE OF THIENSVILLE
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES**

DATE: Tuesday, January 5, 2021

LOCATION: 250 Elm Street
Thiensville, WI
Board Room

TIME: 6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Heinritz called the meeting to order at 5:59 PM.

II. ROLL CALL

Chairman:	Ron Heinritz	
Commissioners:	Jennifer Abraham	Mary Giuliani
	Jamie Awe	Joseph Miller (excused)
	Robert Blazich	Thomas Streifender (excused)
Director of Community Services/Public Works:	Andy LaFond	

III. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

A. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Minutes
1. December 8, 2020

MOTION by Commissioner Giuliani, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Awe to approve the December 8, 2020, minutes.
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. BUSINESS

A. Review and action regarding Certificate of Appropriateness, Outdoor Pavilion, Shully's Catering, Inc., 146 Green Bay Road, Scott and Beth Shully

Director LaFond summarized the proposal. The Shullys are proposing a pole-barn-style building for the area where the tent currently is located. The tent is allowed as a conditional use in the B-1 zoning district. This committee is reviewing the historical appropriateness. The Plan Commission will consider the proposal for items such as setbacks, parking and similar issues. After the approval, the Shullys will seek a building permit and Fire Department approval. The area is borderline to the floodplain. They have engaged the same firm the Village uses for engineering services to do the work to determine what rules must be followed and surveys need to be completed.

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Owner Scott Shully said they are having a survey done of the entire rear area of the property. Scott Shully provided members with an updated version of the plans prior to the meeting. The new version contains some revisions in “finer points” of what the structure will look like. Customers keep asking for more open space. The facility provides a comfort level for customers who want an open environment. Garage doors on the sides can be opened. In response to a question, Beth Shully said the colors of the pavilion will primarily be gray and white. Scott Shully said there will not be a connection between The Watermark and the pavilion. There will be a 26-foot separation between the structures. The floor of the pavilion will be the existing cement pad. There will be no signage.

Chairman Heinritz said he likes the revised design with the windows and the gables. Chairman Heinritz asked about the lighting plan and suggested some coach lights on the sides. Scott Shully said they are not planning on plumbing or rest rooms as part of the addition. The facilities in the Watermark will be sufficient. They are not planning on having two separate events taking place simultaneously. It will not impact parking or restrooms. Director LaFond said that the Plan Commission may make a condition of its approval that both event spaces cannot be used for separate events at the same time. Scott Shully said the pavilion will provide flexibility, for instance, for a group to set up a silent auction in the pavilion while the main event takes place in the Watermark. The addition is a short-term answer to COVID-19 concerns, but it also is looking to long-term plans. This building will be an asset to the entire complex.

Commissioner Blazich asked about the status of plans to demolish an adjacent house. Beth Shully said the tenant keeps extending the time she wants to live there after initially announcing an intention to move in February 2020. Renters cannot be evicted during COVID-19. Once the tenant leaves, plans are in place to turn off the utilities and raze the structure. Beth Shully said she plans to speak with her attorney and gracefully start a process that will lead to the tenant moving.

Chairman Heinritz suggested a motion to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness as presented with possible future consideration of a lighting plan.

MOTION by Commissioner Blazich, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Abraham to approve Certificate of Appropriateness, Outdoor Pavilion, Shully’s Catering, Inc., 146 Green Bay Road, Scott and Beth Shully. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

VI. OLD BUSINESS

VII. ITEMS BY CHAIRMAN

A. Review Demolition, cheel, llc, 105 South Main Street

Director LaFond said the gas line needs to be disconnected prior to demolition. Once the demolition company is set up, it will take approximately four hours to knock down the building. North and south traffic will remain on Main Street; Buntrock Avenue will be closed.

B. Review Frank Oil Co., 185 South Main Street

Chairman Heinritz spoke with the daughter of Earl Frank and obtained some information. A tire company that originally was in Cedarburg moved to Thiensville. The building was built in 1930 and an addition was put on around 1950. It possibly was a Texaco or Skelly gas station. Frank Oil Co. was run by Earl and his brother, Edmond. Chairman Heinritz does not know when it

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stopped operation as a gas station. A mechanic, Russ Richardson, was there for a number of years. Presently, it is Quick Care Auto. Director LaFond said he met with Attorney Willms on an unrelated issue recently. Mr Willms worked for Russ Richardson as a college student. That's where the connection of purchasing the building came from. Mr. Willms may have more knowledge of the history of the building.

- C. Review Wisconsin Historical Society Staffing, Certified Local Government Coordinator, Jason Tish, jason.tish@wisconsinhistory.org

Jason Tish has taken over for Joe DeRose, who has retired from his position as Certified Local Government Coordinator for the Wisconsin Historical Society. Chairman Heinritz said he has not yet met Mr. Tisch, but looks forward to making contact. Thiensville has certified local government status. Grant funds are available to certified local governments.

- D. Discuss The Wellness Way Sign, 122 Green Bay Road, Suite 100, Certificate of Appropriateness Approved December 8, 2020

Chairman Heinritz said he was impressed with the drawings of the projecting signs that were submitted. The drawing could be used as a guideline for other applicants.

In an unrelated matter, Chairman Heinritz raised the issue of whether meeting participation could occur electronically. Director LaFond and Commissioner Abraham, who also is a Trustee, said the Village Board has decided meetings are more effectively conducted in person.

VIII. ITEMS BY COMMISSIONERS

- A. Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society – Bob Blazich

The Mequon-Thiensville Historical Society has several initiatives planned this year. There is a new computer system and museum software. The MTHS has not been able to conduct any events due to COVID-19. The annual meeting took place on Zoom. A fundraiser likely will occur this year. The MTHS has expanded into a second office in its building for more storage space and to clean up the main office on the first floor. The organization is doing well with a very active board.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Commissioner Giuliani, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Awe to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Submitted by,



Gary Achterberg
Administrative Assistant

Approved by,



Andy LaFond
Director of Community Services/
Public Works