

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
APPEARANCE REVIEW COMMISSION

A meeting of the Appearance Review Commission was held Wednesday, June 03, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. at Alton City Hall.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dawn Hentrich, Debbie Schuneman, Barbara Gearing, Margaret Hopkin, Mike Doucleff, Gen Gearing and Mark Wuellner

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Lisa Morrison Thayer for Morrison's Irish Pub at 200 State St, Carl McGaughey of McGaughey Builders representing Cheapies Tires for 1204 E. Broadway, Lauren Pattan & James Rogalsky for Old Bakery Beer at 400 Landmarks Blvd., Mike Harvey (Life Safety/Building Code Inspector) and Debbie Beck (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am.

Mark Wuellner made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Barbara Gearing seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Lisa Morrison Thayer then took the floor. Morrison Thayer stated that they were going to open 200 State St. as an Irish Pub and they were coming before the commission to have two signs approved designed by Sign Magic. The first sign, **MORRISON'S IRISH PUB** is a 14 ft., aluminum composite sign with a vinyl overlay, with the lettering in the colors of white blended to gold with green shamrocks at each end and gold accent on each end and along the top. This sign will be centered above the windows, over a copper accent, which will be painted black. The second sign will be mounted over the corner of the establishment, at the intersection of State and Rte. 3. This sign is 2ft. x 8ft. and in the same colors as the sign on the front. However, the lettering font is not the same. This was brought to Morrison Thayer's attention. She agreed to call Sign Magic and request that the side sign lettering be the same font as the front sign. Both signs are non-illuminated, but they will have small lights shining on them.

Debbie Schuneman made a motion to accept the sign application, with the change of the font on the corner sign. Mike Doucleff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Carl McGaughey of McGaughey Builders then took the floor for the presentation of the building application for a Cheapie's Tires 2, owned by Jay Greer, at 1204 E. Broadway. McGaughey stated that this application was to build an independently standing corrugated, metal roof attaching two existing buildings. The back of the roof will stand at 13 ft. from the ground, with roof sloping to the front at 9 ft. They will attach the roofing with flashing to each building, with the gutter along the front. The beams and posts will be wrapped in white metal. The commissioners stated that they would like a parapet to make the continuity of the buildings. McGaughey stated that he did not believe that Jay Greer would have a problem with this addition to the application.

Barbara Gearing made a motion to accept the building permit with the amendment of the parapet to the front to tie into the existing building. Mike Doucleff seconded the motion. Motion passed.

James Rogalsky and Lauren Pattan then took the floor for 400 Landmarks Blvd, the Old Bakery Beer. Rogalsky stated that the business had been given a 4 ft. x 8 ft. marquee, which would be illuminated from the outside. He stated that with this marquee they would be able to advertise events outside of the business. They were told that the top of the sign, which had flashing yellow lights on an arrow, was not allowed, per city ordinances and the original placement request could not be used, because of the right of

way from the highway for the State of Illinois. Rogalsky stated that they would disconnect the bar of lights across the top, so they would not flash and they have two other optional spots to place the sign. One spot would be mounted on the east side building, to the side of the front door and the other spot would be bolted on a concrete pad on the south side of the side of the building, where the old loading dock area was. Mike Harvey stated that even though the marquee would be bolted, it would still be considered a temporary sign, which could only be up for 30 days, then would have to be down for 30 days, then a new permit would have to be applied for. Also, even though it is a concrete pad, that area could still be in the right of way for the State of Illinois. Rogalsky stated that he would really rather go with the concrete pad, because that way both sides of the marquee would be seen from both ways of traffic. Harvey stated that the only way it could go on that side of the building, was if it was mounted on the side of the building, with the feet removed from the sign. Rogalsky stated that would be ideal, except the sign weighs approximately 200 pounds and it would be expensive to mount, so the only option available to them would be mounted on the outside wall on the east side of the building.

Margaret Hopkins made a motion to approve the sign application as long as the flashing yellow lights were permanently disabled, the legs removed and the illuminated marquee mounted on the east side of the building. Debbie Schuneman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mike Harvey then brought up 401 Piasa. He stated that he sent a letter on May 29, 2015 to Russ Smith, the owner of 401 Piasa, Elijah P's, explaining the City Code Section 9-1-10 C.4 Fences. Harvey stated as of June 2, 2015 he has not heard from Smith.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 am.

Respectfully submitted by,

Debbie J. Beck