

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD JUNE 26, 2013**

PRESENT: Commission Members: Chairman Kurpis, Mary Bello Mutter, Maria Harper, Jack LaViano, Council Rep. Al Kurpis

ABSENT: Commission Members Maurice Burke & Michael Trepicchio

PRESIDING: The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.; Commission Secretary Joy Convertini read the following statement:

PUBLIC NOTICE: "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Landmarks Commission of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 20, 2012 and on the Borough website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the May 22, 2013 minutes by Commission Member Jack LaViano. Second by Commission Member Mary Bello
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS: There were none.

WORK SESSION:

Union Center National Bank Sign Application - 71 East Allendale Road

Chairman Kurpis stated that the bank, located at 71 East Allendale Road, has changed ownership and is requiring approval for signage. This approval was granted in 2010 for the Saddle River Valley Bank; a Certificate of Appropriateness will be necessary for the Union Center National Bank signage. The Commission was given a copy of the proposed signage and discussed it in detail at this time. The dimensions of the three signs will be compared to the Saddle River Valley Bank signs that were approved in 2010.

Jack LaViano asked if there is a plot plan for the bank and Al Kurpis stated that the building department has the most current plans. He further stated that the bank has invested in making large scale improvements in Barnstable Court.

Bishop House Foundation – Chairman Kurpis stated that the foundation has lost their charter, due to a lapse in paperwork. The Bishop House is owned by the Borough and they will be granting the foundation a year to year lease moving forward. He further stated that this is detrimental for the procurement of grants.

There are very valuable items in the Bishop House and Chairman Kurpis stated that he is concerned about the security of this as well as the limited access available to foundation members.

Al Kurpis suggested that Chairman Kurpis speak with Borough Administrator Chuck Cuccia regarding the proposed year to year lease in order to get feedback as to why this was implemented.

Mary Bello suggested that the Landmarks Commission send a letter to the Mayor and Council making their opposition of a year to year lease known.

Al Kurpis suggested that the Landmarks Commission seek advice of either an attorney or CPA regarding this issue and stated that perhaps a concerned resident would be willing to do this pro bono.

This issue was addressed by the Mayor and Council in 2012 and it was suggested that the minutes be reviewed in order to obtain more information. Al Kurpis further suggested that the Landmarks Commission members tour the Bishop House and speak to current members of the foundation in order to get a better understanding of this issue.

Landmarks Commission Secretary Joy Convertini stated that Maurice Burke has moved out of Saddle River and the Commission needs to add a member, per the Borough ordinance.

The Landmarks Commission discussed a zoning denial that was issued at 171 East Allendale Road, which is an historic home. The Commission addressed the protocol when an applicant must appear before the Zoning Board or Planning Board with an historic home.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC: No one wished to be heard.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini
Secretary