

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD SEPTEMBER 25, 2013**

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

ABSENT: Commission Members Michael Trepicchio & Mary Bello Mutter

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 June 26, 2013 minutes by Commission
Member Maria Harper. Second by Commission Chairman Jon Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

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
seeking approval for signage. This approval was granted in 2010 for the Saddle River Valley Bank and
has since changed ownership to the Union Center National Bank. The applicant's attorney will be
seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for signage this evening and Chairman Kurpis reiterated that, as
this was approved in the past and the design is remaining the same, he feels that this should be
approved.

DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS:

**Blk. 1607 Lot 2
71 East Allendale Road
Union Center National Bank
Signage
APPROVED**

Attorney Bill Strasser, Strasser & Associates, Paramus, NJ represented the applicant and explained the
application in detail at this time. The applicant is seeking approval for signage that had been previously
approved in 2010 by another banking institution. The design of the sign is the same, with the only
changes being the colors and the wording. Copies of the proposed signage were distributed to
commission members for their review.

A motion to approve this application was offered by Commission Chairman Kurpis. Seconded by Jack Laviano. **AYES:** Chairman Kurpis, Jack LaViano, Maria Harper
ABSENT: Michael Trepecchio, Mary Bello Mutter

Mr. Strasser addressed questions from the Commission regarding the ingress/egress, lighting and the ATM machine on the bank property; all work is scheduled to be completed by December 2013.

The Bishop House: Chairman Kurpis stated that he would like to address the status of the Bishop House and will be attending a meeting in October to gain a better understanding on how foundation members plan to move forward; he would like the Commission to then discuss this at the October 23, 2013 meeting.

Al Kurpis stated that the Mayor and Council are currently in favor of both the Saddle River Museum and the Bishop House and encouraged the Commission to move forward with any pending plans for these properties in the near future. He further stated that the Chairman of both the Bishop House and the Museum should be attending the Landmarks Commission meetings in order to provide continuity.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Maurice Burke, former member of the Landmarks Commission, stated that the Museum restoration project has been completed on the exterior and the next step should be to focus on the interior. An antique sleigh is part of the museum property and Mr. Burke stated that he would like to see it suspended from the ceiling for the public to enjoy. He further stated that he would like to see progress continue with the Museum so that the public will eventually have access to viewing the artifacts that reflect the history of Saddle River.

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