

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD May 28, 2014**

PRESENT: Commission Chairman Jon Kurpis Commission Members: Gloria Blumenthal, Joanne Kakaty, Jack LaViano, Council Rep. Al Kurpis

ABSENT: Commission Member Mary Bello, Maria Harper, Michael Trepicchio

PRESIDING: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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 23, 2013 and on the Borough website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the March 26, 2014 minutes by Jack LaViano, Seconded by Jon Kurpis
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS:

**Blk. 1401 Lot 16
67 East Allendale Rd.
Madison Adams Real Estate
Signage
APPROVED**

Mr. Marek Zagorski, Broker/Owner of Madison Adams presented renderings of the proposed signage. Commission members were in receipt of these renderings and all were in agreement that they were appropriate in proposed size, color and location.

A motion to **approve** this application was offered by Gloria Blumenthal
Seconded by Jack LaViano
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**Blk. 1401 Lot 4
71 East Allendale Rd.
Connect One Bank
Signage
APPROVED**

Mr. Ron Maletich, Effective Sign Works, presented renderings of the proposed signage. He explained the proposed signage, stating it will be exactly the same design and size as signs previously approved for the former bank, Union Center National Bank. All were in agreement that the design and color of the proposed signage was appropriate; there is an additional road sign on the property which the Commission addressed.

A motion to **approve** this application was offered by Gloria Blumenthal

Seconded by Jack LaViano

Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

WORK SESSION:

Review of the landscape plan for the Saddle River Museum: Chairman Kurpis stated that this project has been delayed and he would like to see it move forward as soon as possible. The Commission was in receipt of a proposed landscape plan for both the front and rear of the property. The Commission was in agreement that the planting program should begin in the front until such time as further decisions are made as to patio configurations in the rear.

The approval process was addressed and Joanne Kakaty stated that she has been advised to present the estimate for the nursery stock to the Mayor and Council for approval. The planting will be done by the Borough with both Joanne Kakaty and Chairman Kurpis overseeing the process. The Commission addressed the planting of indigenous plants and all were in favor of this idea.

A motion was made to approve the Saddle River Museum landscape plan by Chairman Kurpis.

Seconded by Gloria Blumenthal

Roll Call Vote: AYES: Unanimous

It was decided that Chairman Kurpis attend the June 16, 2014 meeting of the Mayor and Council in order to present an update on the Saddle River Museum and how the Commission would like to proceed.

Update on the Bishop House Foundation: Ferne Lambert and Leslie Weiss presented a mission statement for the Bishop House and this was addressed in detail at this time. They further stated that they would like to see the Marker House, the Bishop House and the Museum dealt with together in an effort to support each other, fund raise together and be represented as a 501-c3. The Commission was in agreement that these properties should be used in an effort to bring residents together and also to insure their preservation through fund raising efforts.

Council Representative Kurpis encouraged the Commission to attend Mayor and Council meetings in order to make the public aware of these properties and stress the desire to keep them up and running with a valid purpose.

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