

Non-Residential Design Review Committee Meeting Minutes

September 11, 2015

The Bethany Beach Non-Residential Design Review Committee (NRDRC) held a meeting on Friday, September 11, 2015 at 10:00 am in the town Council Meeting Room, 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE.

Members present: Lew Killmer, who presided; John Hendrickson; Jerry Morris; and Susan Frederick, Building Inspector.

The following member was excused: James Weisgerber

Also present: Patty McGee, applicant, for a new face for their box wall sign for their restaurant at 116 Garfield Parkway; Jason Giles, applicant, for a new awning with signage for his real estate office at 26 N. Pennsylvania Ave.; Cynthia Dodd, Administrative Assistant; and interested members of the public.

Call to Order

Mr. Killmer called the meeting to order at 9:55 am.

Approval of the Agenda

Jerry Morris made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Frederick seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

New Business

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on an application submitted by Dave and Patty McGee, for a new face for their box wall sign for their restaurant at 116 Garfield Parkway, Lot 18, Block 107, in the C-1 Commercial Zoning District, Bethany Beach, DE.

Mr. Killmer began by stating that the Committee received a sample of the sign and it is an improvement from the old sign. Mrs. McGee apologized for installing the new face prior to submitting an application to the Committee and said that they didn't realize that they needed approval for a new sign. Mr. Killmer stated that he finds the sign attractive, upscale and very "today", and is something positive for the business.

Mr. Killmer asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Morris moved that the sign be approved. Mr. Hendrickson seconded. It was unanimously approved.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and vote on an application submitted by Jason Giles, for a new awning with signage for his real estate office at 26 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Lot 23, Block 2, in the C-1 Commercial Zoning District, Bethany Beach, DE.

Mr. Giles began by stating that the only reason he didn't think an approval was required was because there was an existing awning there for the previous business and they reused the structure and only added a new covering to depict the name of the new business. He went ahead with the awning and then received the letter from Ms. Frederick which included the ordinance regulating signage on awnings. Mr. Giles was not originally aware that there was a maximum size permitted for the signage and he contacted the maker of the awning for a calculation of it's size and the total area area of the signage. Mr. Giles apologized for not following protocol. It was determined that the signage was just under the maximum size permitted.

Mr. Killmer began by stating that the Committee received a copy of the awning and signage with his application. he understood that a new awning was needed and further noted that there is a lot of sun on that side of the street and the old awning was probably faded.

Mr. Killmer asked if there was any further discussion. Mr. Hendrickson moved that the sign be approved. Mr. Morris seconded. It was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting held June 30, 2015

Mr. Hendrickson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Morris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Announcements/Comments/Updates

Ms. Frederick reported the following:

The next NRDR Committee Meeting will be held October 9, 2015 with possible applications for signs for two separate communities (Lake Bethany and Bethany West) in Bethany Beach. Approval of the Minutes from the Meeting held August 14, 2015 will be approved at the next meeting.

Mr. Killmer reported the following:

This is Mr. Jerry Morris' last NRDR Committee Meeting. He has been appointed to the Town Council.

Motion to Adjourn

Ms. Frederick made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Morris seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 am.

Respectfully submitted:

Cynthia Dodd

Administrative Assistant