

LANCASTER, NEW YORK HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Minutes of the April 17, 2002 meeting

Attendance:

James Keysa
 Ronald Batt
 Jean Brunea
 Joseph Giallanza
 William Harnack
 Michael Meyer
 Jan Pecqueur

Hearings:

1. Performance Advantage Company—signage (former Murphy store)

This company wishes to install signage on the rear of the building utilizing their logo. No official petition was presented so no action could be taken. A schematic will be needed showing the size, shape, design, lettering, wording to be used and the lighting, if any. If there is to be any lighting it can be gooseneck or external lighting, but not internal lighting. They are suggesting a 4'x8' carved sign to be made by Paul Garland of Garland Graphics.

Status Reports:

1. Broadway:

The replacement of utilities (gas, water, electric wires, etc.) is underway in the Historic District. Reconstruction of the street is taking place in Depew at Transit Road and Broadway. The replacement of the two bridges will take place in June and July. Telephone cables, etc. which run under the surface of the bridges will need to be freed from the surface of the bridges before they can be taken down.

Review of prior meetings and other items:

1. The Lancaster Presbyterian Church held a groundbreaking / dedication ceremony on the West side of the church on Sunday, March 31, 2002. James Keysa was one of the speakers at the ceremony. One of the facts that he spoke about was that the church building is the second oldest continuously used religious structure in Erie County (1832). Only the Quaker Meeting House in Orchard Park is older. Work on the structure is not expected to begin until June.

2. Special meeting between the Village of Lancaster and the Peter J. Schmitt Company regarding the Central Avenue streetscape.

J. Keysa attended. Modification to the plans previously submitted are that the logo originally planned for the Broadway intersection will be moved to the area in front of the Town Hall, the new events sign will be in brick, and there will be a directory kiosk in brick. Some of the bumpouts may be removed to create more parking spaces. Stan Keysa explained that it was more important to have three working lanes of traffic from 24 to 26 feet in total width so as to allow for emergency vehicles. Alan Kurtzman felt that wider sidewalks were not as important as being able to drive easily down the street. David Carr from the DOT said each bridge would take about 120 to 130 days to complete. Depew will be started first and then Lancaster about one month later. Both bridges will come up together. The Depew bridge is slated to be taken down in June and the Lancaster bridge in July. There is no official detour route for trucks. It is expected that word will get around and that traffic will go elsewhere.

3. The Lancaster Public Library has used a portable sign in front of their building on Broadway.

In January the commission reviewed the sign ordinance and submitted our recommendations to the Village Board on January 28, 2002. The use of this kind of sign would be a violation of the sign ordinance.

Future Meetings:

The next meetings of the Historic District Commission are tentatively scheduled for :

Wednesday, May 8, 2002

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

Wednesday, July 10, 2002.

Submitted by James S. Keysa