

**MINUTES OF A VIRTUAL MEETING
ARCHITECTURAL BOARD OF REVIEW
CITY OF INDEPENDENCE
August 20, 2020**

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Norm Casini at 3:01 p.m. and the following responded to Roll Call:

PRESENT: **Norm Casini, Chairman**
 Michael Gero, Building Official
 Don Ramm, City Engineer
 Steve Rega, Fire Chief
 Jeff Markley, City Planner

New Business:

- 1. 5904 Laurel Road, Robert & Janine Boehm -** Replacement of existing accessory building.
- 2. 6487 Brecksville Road, TJS Sutula, Inc. –** Proposed temporary wall sign to read: “Trump Victory Field Office.”

Chairman Casini asked if there were any corrections or additions to the Minutes of the August 6, 2020 Architectural Board of Review meeting. There were none.

A motion was made by Building Official Gero, seconded by City Engineer Ramm, to approve the Minutes of the Architectural Board of Review meeting of August 6, 2020.

ROLL CALL: **Yeas: Casini, Gero, Ramm**
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED

5904 Laurel Road, Robert & Janine Boehm - Homeowners Robert and Janine Boehm were in attendance.

Chairman Casini asked if there were any Zoning issues.

Building Official Gero stated that they would be going to Zoning this evening because of the size and the height.

The Chairman stated that the accessory building looked good. He stated that it would be in a nice spot in the backyard. It would be tucked away. The Chairman asked if they knew the color that they chose.

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Mrs. Boehm stated that they haven't picked out a color, but it would be something that would complement the house. It will be vinyl. She thought it may be like a gray.

Building Official Gero asked Mrs. Boehm if she was going to put vinyl on the accessory building. Mrs. Boehm stated that she was going to have vinyl on the accessory building. The Chairman stated that it called for T-111.

City Engineer Ramm asked if they were going to put vinyl over the T-111. Mr. Boehm stated that they would not put vinyl over the T-111.

The Chairman stated that they could use sheeting OSB board.

Building Official Gero asked if the vinyl would be horizontal or vertical vinyl.

Mrs. Boehm stated that she was not quite sure. She asked what would look better. She stated that it looked like it was horizontal on the rendering.

Building Official Gero stated that it was vertical on the rendering.

The Chairman stated that he thought the vertical indicated the T-111, but if they were not going to put T-111, he would put the 7/16 OSB board and put horizontal siding on it. He stated it would look good. Mr. Boehm stated that he had hoped so.

Building Official Gero asked if the roof would complement the house also. Mrs. Boehm replied yes.

Building Official Gero stated that he had one question. He asked if the building was not going to be built as a pole barn.

Mr. Boehm stated that he would never park a car in there or anything like that.

The Building Official asked if Mr. Boehm would be putting down a concrete slab, and they would be building regular 2' x4' stud walls then. Mr. Boehm agreed. The Building Official asked if they would be putting electric out in the accessory building. Mr. Boehm stated that he was putting electric out in the accessory building.

Chairman Casini asked the City Engineer if he had any questions.

City Engineer Ramm stated that as far as the drainage, there was a nice brand-new storm sewer back there, and the accessory building would be well outside the easement; and the homeowners would install a nice drainage plan and tie in the downspouts into it. He stated that the drainage should be handled 100%.

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A motion was made by Building Official Gero, seconded by City Engineer Ramm, to approve the accessory building, subject to approval of the variances by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

**ROLL CALL: Yeas: Casini, Gero, Ramm
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED**

6487 Brecksville Road, TJS Sutula, Inc. – Tom Costello was in attendance representing the TJS Sutula, Inc.

Building Official Gero stated that he had a couple of questions on the sign. He stated that Mr. Costello had on the sign application that the sign would only be up for a few months. Mr. Costello agreed. The Building Official stated that when the sign would come down, or post-election when the office would be vacated, the sign would be removed and a blank sign would be put up. He asked what was the intent.

Mr. Costello stated that he would like to see a blank sign. They did not want to leave just a frame out there.

The Building Official stated that he agreed. He stated that the Training Club sign was up there until recently; and he was not aware that they had moved out. He asked how long had they been gone.

Mr. Costello stated that they had moved out probably 4 to 6 weeks ago.

Building Official Gero stated that once the space would be vacant again, as long as they would put a blank sign up there, that would be great.

Mr. Costello stated that all they would have to do would be to take the letters off.

Chairman Casini asked if the format was the same as far as the design of the existing signs.

Mr. Costello stated that the background was white, the same as the existing. The black trim around the edges was the same; but the letters would be red.

The Chairman stated that around the frame itself, it would match the existing.

Mr. Costello agreed.

The Chairman stated that his second question was did Mr. Costello have to go to Zoning.

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Building Official Gero stated that they did not have to go to Zoning.

The Chairman asked Mr. Costello if he would remove the signs in the window due to the fact that the wall sign was going up. He stated that it was just a question.

Mr. Costello stated that was not up to him. That would be up to the tenant.

The Chairman asked if the sign would be any bigger or smaller than the rest of the signs.

Mr. Costello stated that it was about the same size as the rest of the signs.

The Chairman stated that he didn't have any other questions.

Building Official Gero asked the City Engineer if he had anything.

City Engineer Ramm stated that he did not have anything.

A motion was made by Building Official Gero, seconded by City Engineer Ramm, to approve the temporary sign.

**ROLL CALL: Yeas: Casini, Gero, Ramm
 Nays: None
 MOTION CARRIED**

City Planner Markley stated that just for the record, he noted that the font was not the same other. The color will not be the same as the other signs, and the font was different from the other signs. He stated that it seemed like all the other signs were kind of in a Helvetica type font, and the proposed one will be different, but it would be temporary.

Mr. Costello stated that it would only be a 4 month sign.

Building Official Gero stated that he didn't think there was any requirement that they all match. He stated that he assumed that the building owner approved the sign also. Mr. Costello agreed.

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There being no further business, the Architectural Board of Review virtual meeting of August 20, 2020 was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Chairman Norm Casini

**Debi Beal, Secretary,
Unapproved at Time of Release 08/20/20**