

Burton Historic District
Architectural Review Board
Minutes
May 14, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.

Board members present: Brian Johnston, Sharon Ronyak, Kurt Updegraff & Jim Wohlken
Board member absent: Pat Hauser

Visitors: Dawn Patterson-Hornak, Ann Blair, Councilman Craig Ronyak

Construction Permit #2012-07

Change #4 from the May 11, 2012, Architectural Review Board (ARB) meeting was removed from the table. The applicant advised that she has given additional consideration to the metal roofing she proposed for the house and still prefers the metal roofing.

Kurt Updegraff said the proposed metal roofing is barn roofing and as such is inappropriate for an 1835 house in the National Register of Historic Places and fronting on Burton's public square. He advised that fiberglass/asphalt shingles are more characteristic of the shake roofing that would have been on the house when built. Furthermore, the seller advised Mr. Updegraff that the roof was only 3 or 4 years old, and the seller seemed surprised that someone would spend the money to replace it. Ann Blair, representing the applicant, said the roof is older than that and that there are some leaks in the roof in the back of the house so the roof needs to be replaced. Ms. Blair gave examples of other locations in the Historic District, notably the Fire Department, where the ARB has approved metal roofing. Jim Wohlken advised that each application is reviewed individually based on many considerations and not every situation is the same.

Councilman Ronyak, speaking on behalf of the applicant, questioned some of the ARB's previous decisions including signs at Century Village Museum. He advised that, in his opinion the signs were not "historic", so why should the ARB insist that roofing of a more appropriate historic character be required for the house Ms. Patterson-Hornak is acquiring. He said that such requirements will discourage investment in the Village.

After further discussion, Brian Johnston moved that the grey metal roofing as requested by the applicant be approved. Sharon Ronyak seconded the motion. The vote was - Johnston, yes; Updegraff, no; Ronyak, yes; Wohlken, yes. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted – Kurt Updegraff, Board Member