

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission
Held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building
On Wednesday, September 14, 2022**

The Chairman, Matt Smith, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Members: Present –Vice Chairman Ralph White; Clint Gault; Chairman Matt Smith
Absent – Lois Shinko

Addition to the Agenda

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Gault to add to the agenda a request by the City of Avon for a demolition permit for the Buck Hardware Building at 37079 Detroit Road. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, August 10, 2022

A motion was made by Mr. Gault and seconded by Mr. White to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday, August 10, 2022, and approve said minutes as published. The vote was all ayes and Chairman declared the motion passed.

Application for Demolition Permit for the Buck Hardware Building, 37079 Detroit Road – Law Director John Gasior

John Gasior, Law Director for the City of Avon, 36080 Chester Road, Avon, Ohio, stated that he appreciated the Landmarks Preservation Commission taking this application tonight. As they know, the City of Avon purchased Buck Hardware and the sale was final on July 15th. The application for demolition was filed by our Safety Director, Duane Streater, and since he could not be here tonight, Mr. Gasior was representing the City.

Mr. Gasior said that there was a walk-through of the building back in April by our Chief Building Official, Emily Hanson, and a copy of her report from April 14th is attached to the application. She had indicated that there were considerable problems with the building. Mr. Gasior said that at that time, the City was looking at whether or not the building could be rehabilitated but based on the findings that Ms. Hanson made in that report it looked like it was going to be well over \$1 million dollars to rehabilitate the building. Since that time, Ms. Hanson has made a few trips to the building and she has also attached a memo to the demolition application that indicates that under Avon Codified Ordinance 1482.01, the building does qualify as unsafe and a public nuisance. She considered the five factors in 1482.01 which determine that the building is unsafe and the building being unsafe, it becomes a public nuisance and therefore there is this request to demolish the building.

Mr. Smith made a motion to grant the City of Avon a demolition permit for the Buck Hardware building at 37079 Detroit Road and it was seconded by Mr. Gault. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed. Mr. Smith then signed the demolition permit to be given to the Building Department.

Application for Demolition Permit for a House and Detached Garage at 34130 Detroit Road – Shamil Askarov

Shamil Askarov, 39450 Shoreman Drive, Avon, Ohio, appeared before the Commission and Mr. Smith asked him to explain his reasons for wanting a demolition permit for the house and garage.

Mr. Askarov stated that the house and the garage are very old so he decided to just demolish them and build another house there. Mr. Smith said that they had seen the photographs on that and asked if there was any possibility of remodeling the house and Mr. Askarov said he did not think so. Mr. White said that the garage is definitely bad but he did not think that the house was that bad; he thought the house was pretty sound. Mr. Smith said that Mr. Askarov told him he wanted to build a house further back on the property and Mr. Askarov said, yes, this house is close to the street and kind of noisy and not safe for the children. Mr. White noted that the house is on the Landmarks List and said that if there was an historical marker plaque on the house he would like to have that back if the LPC granted the demolition permit. Mr. Askarov said that he did not have a plaque.

Keveerin Oskerow stated that he was Mr. Askarov's cousin and knows about the house and the property and it is in pretty bad shape and it smells bad in the basement. Mr. Smith said that he saw the photographs of the basement and it looked like there was black mold there. Mr. Oskerow said that it would cost a lot more for Mr. Askarov to remodel than to just demolish and build a beautiful, brand-new house.

A motion was made by Mr. Gault and seconded by Mr. White to grant a demolition permit for 34130 Detroit Road. The vote was all ayes and the Chairman declared the motion passed. Mr. Smith then signed the demolition permit.

Landmarks Letter of Recognition – Ralph White

Mr. White said that he had nothing.

Landmark Nominations – Lois Shinko

Ms. Shinko was absent.

Comments on the Center Cemetery

Mr. Smith stated that Milano Monuments is slated to work on the Center Cemetery whenever they can get to it. He said that he saw recent work by Milano at Eagle Point Park and it is beautiful. There are two giant pieces of sandstone there and they carved "Eagle Point Park" and a beautiful Avon eagle on the stones. These people are very professional and Mr. Smith said he was really pleased with what they did there and feels confident that when they get to the Cemetery, they will do a good job.

In another comment, Mr. Smith said that he just wanted to mention that he sent Mr. Gault a picture of the Christmas tree that was planted at the Aquatic Center by the Parks and Recreation Dept. for the Christmas Tree Lighting, and it looks beautiful.

Mr. Gault thanked Mr. Smith and said the picture was great. From the French Creek Foundation standpoint, moving the Christmas Tree Lighting event this year to the Aquatic Center and Every Child's Playground area is going to be nice for safety and parking as they are going to be paving the whole back

area. He thinks that the plan is to have more and more events happening in this area which is great for safety and it all ties in together with the lighting, electricity, etc. that is already there.

Date of Next Meeting

Mr. Smith stated that the next meeting of the Landmarks Preservation Commission would be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2022, in the Council Chambers of Avon City Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Mr. White and seconded by Mr. Gault to adjourn the meeting and the vote was all ayes. The Chairman declared the motion passed and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Gail Hayden, Assistant Clerk of Council