

Downtown Lima, Inc.

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Members present: Ken Blanchard, Bob Fitzgerald, Mike Flynn, Kent Fultz

Members absent: Cathy Clark, Bart Mills

City of Lima: Doug Ditto, Anthony DiPietro (by phone), Amy Harpster

DTL Staff: Sue Smith

Design Review Board July 9, 2020 Minutes

A. Call to Order

In the absence of Chairman Bart Mills, members voted to appoint Bob Fitzgerald Temporary Chair. Bob Fitzgerald called the meeting to order.

B. Minutes from June 11, 2020

Ken Blanchard motioned to approve the minutes from June 11, 2020 and Kent Fultz seconded. All approve.

C. New Business

 NGP Printing Professionals / Signage 324 W. Market Street

Karla Strange of Phoenix Signs submitted an application on behalf of NGP Printing Professionals, owned by Jim Honegger, to update the sign across the front of the business on Market Street. Photos and details were provided. Bob Fitzgerald moved to approve the application and Ken Blanchard seconded. All approve.

2. Rite Aid / Signage 506 W. Market Street

Larry Newman of Kessler Sign Company in Parsippany, New Jersey, submitted an application of behalf of the Rite Aid drugstore on Market Street, owned by Om Singhal. The national company is changing its logo, font, and color palette. This location in downtown Lima will adopt the new signage, if approved, beginning in July 2020. The application was accompanied by photos of every place where the new look would appear. Members did not have any concerns. Kent Fultz moved to approve the application and Mike Flynn seconded. All approve.

D. Other

There was a brief discussion, led by Amy Harpster, about the recent fire on Elizabeth Street. She said that the Fire Department worked through the night to put out the blaze. The south wall had collapsed as did the roof. It was determined to be a crime scene. All of the debris is now cleared away and the site is looking good. Grass will be planted. Amy also mentioned that a very small building in the Square, behind the Lima Municipal Building, had been demolished. Chairman Bart Mills was notified in advance and he expressed no concerns with that action. Amy said it was a public safety issue and the City had no choice but to bring it down. The Board thanked her for handling that.

Bob Fitzgerald made a motion to adjourn and Kent Fultz seconded. All adjourn.