

**MARIEMONT ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 15, 2014**

Mr. Bruggeman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Ms. Stalzer, Mr. Allen, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Haffner, Mayor Policastro and Mr. Miller. Also in attendance was Building Commissioner Kirk Hodulik.

The first request from Dr. Megan Weisenberger and Mr. Eric Ewald, 3855 Beech Street, Mariemont, OH 45227 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for:

- A. New picket fence to be located at the east and north boundary of property and immediately adjacent to Beech Street and Lane A respectively, and a section of picket fence located along the southwest area of the west side yard running from residence to existing fence line at property line shared with 4 Linden Place.
- B. Installation of window flower boxes on first level of residence (no images provided with application).

Mr. Ewald said they would like to put a fence around the Lane "A" side of their property. There is an existing fence at 4 Linden Place. Their fence would have gates behind their shed, by the home and on the Linden Place side. In addition, they would like to install window boxes on the first level of the house. The fence would be white picket 36" tall with a possible scalloped edge.

Mr. Bruggeman said there is another white picket fence but it is more dog eared style. Mr. Miller said he would recommend that the fences both resemble each other and said he would prefer the dog ear style.

Mr. Bruggeman moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the fence provided that it is in conformity with the dog ear style 36" high straight run of what is already present in the vicinity. Mr. Bruggeman moved, seconded by Mr. Allen to approve the window boxes similar to the residence's second floor window boxes as proposed. On roll call; seven ayes, no nays.

The second request from Mr. Donald Keyes on behalf of Village Church of Mariemont, 3920 Oak Street, Mariemont, OH 45227, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for:

- A. Placement of a 2'-6" wide X 5'-0" tall white Cross on the front of the building adjacent to front doorway and a 1'-6" wide X 3'-0" tall white Cross on the south side (back) of building for church identification. Crosses will be constructed out of redwood and painted white.
- B. Removal of banner from over front doorway and add same lettering to the transom above the doorway with church logo on each side window similar to banner.
- C. Installation of new metal handrail to center of front steps leading to front doorway for safety.

Mr. Keyes said they want to dress the building up a little bit and to identify the building with a cross on the front of the building and also on the back of the building so it is identifiable from the Old Town Center. They also would like to put the same signage that is on the banner above the door on the windows (similar to the Masonic Lodge). It also makes sense to them to

put a handrail up the center of the front steps so people can get up the steps without difficulty. It would be made of either steel or aluminum – not a pipe rail. They have not identified one specifically yet.

There was some discussion on the age and history of the building from being as a recreation center and the first elementary school to the past Masonic Lodge. Mayor Policastro explained that the building was made a Historic Landmark while it was being sold because the Village did not want it sold with the possibility of being torn down.

Mr. Wolter interjected that at some point the Church would like to be able to restore it to the look of the elementary school building.

Mr. Thomas asked the arrangements for parking. Mr. Keyes said there is on-street parking, arrangements have been made with their neighbor to use their parking lot on Sunday mornings. Some people park on the other side of the street at the Ann Buntin Becker Park lot and in the Village parking lot by Waldorf School. So far they have not had any difficulties with the parking situation, nor have they received any complaints.

Mr. Bruggeman asked if the crosses meet the zoning code requirements based on size. Building Commissioner Hodulik said they did. Mr. Thomas said there was a similar request from Rooster's on Wooster Pike.

Mayor Policastro moved, seconded by Ms. Stalzer to approve the request for the crosses, window lettering and the installation of a handrail as proposed. On roll call; seven ayes, no nays.

Mr. Thomas moved, seconded by Mr. Miller to accept the minutes as written for July 21, 2014. On roll call; seven ayes, no nays. Mr. Thomas suggested sending the minutes along with the agenda/meeting materials, especially when there has been a lapse in meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Paul Allen
Secretary