

**BIRMINGHAM HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2015**

Municipal Building Commission Room  
151 Martin, Birmingham, Michigan

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Minutes of the regular meeting of the Historic District Commission (“HDC”) held Wednesday, April 6, 2016. Chairman John Henke called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Present:** Chairman John Henke; Commission Members Mark Coir, Keith Deyer, Natalia Dukas, Thomas Trapnell, Vice Chairperson Shelli Weisberg, Michael Willoughby

**Absent:** Student Representative Loreal Salter-Dodson

**Administration:** Matthew Baka, Sr. Planner  
Carole Salutes, Recording Secretary

**04-16-16**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES  
HDC Minutes of March 16, 2016**

**Motion by Ms. Weisberg**

**Seconded by Mr. Coir to approve the HDC Minutes of March 16, 2016 as presented.**

**Motion carried,**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Weisberg, Coir, Deyer, Dukas, Henke, Trapnell, Willoughby

Nays: None

Absent: None

**04-17-16**

**HISTORIC COURTESY REVIEW  
Millrace Rd. name change request  
Millpond Historic District**

Zoning: PP Public Property/R-1 Single-Family Residential

Proposal: Mr. Baka reported that the residents of Millrace Rd. have requested that the name of their street, Millrace Rd., be changed to Lakeside Ct. Millrace Rd. is located within the Mill Pond Historic District. In response to this request,

the City Commission has established a review policy that must be followed before a final determination is made. This policy includes a review and recommendation by the HDC as one of the steps.

Information regarding the new street name change policy and a brief history of the area provided by Birmingham Museum Director Pielack were discussed, along with 'The Preservation Office Guide to Historic Roads.' The Guide does not directly address changing the names of historic roads but it does discuss some of the qualities that are generally considered when evaluating the historic nature of any given road and street for historic designation.

Mr. Baka noted the street name has historical significance as to what it had been used for. It is a cul-de-sac. Mr. Coir added it is all that is left of that early history. Board members thought maybe people are confusing Millrace with Maple Rd. and turning in; that is why residents have requested a name change. Mr. Deyer suggested changing the name from Road to Court and adding a sign that says "No Exit." That retains the historical significance of Millrace and it deals with the residents' issue. Several other commission members agreed with that thought.

**Motion by Mr. Deyer**

**Seconded by Mr. Coir that the HDC suggests that the name Millrace should be retained, but that the word Court should replace Road and an appropriate sign be placed at the entrance to Millrace Court that says there is no outlet.**

**Motion carried, 5-2.**

There were no comments from members of the public at 7:12 p.m.

**VOICE VOTE**

Yeas: Deyer, Coir, Dukas, Henke, Weisberg

Nays: Trapnell, Willoughby

Absent: None

**04-18-16**

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Staff Reports**

-- Administrative Approvals

➤ 303 E. Maple Rd., Fratelli Leather - Storefront wall sign over front window.

-- Violation Notices (none)

-- Demolition Applications (none)

**B. Communications**

-- Commissioners' Comments (none)

**04-19-16**

**ADJOURNMENT**

No further business being evident, the commissioners motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 p.m.

Matthew Baka  
Sr. Planner