

**STRONGSVILLE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
MINUTES OF MEETING  
March 20, 2018**

The Architectural Review Board of the City of Strongsville met for Caucus in the Mayors Conference Room at the 16099 Foltz Parkway, on ***Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.***

**Present: Architectural Review Board Members:** Dale Serne, ARB Chairman, Ken Mikula, City Engineer, Tony Biondillo, Building Commissioner, George Smerigan, City Planner and Jennifer Milbrandt, City Forester.

The following was discussed:

**TESTOIL:** The Board was in agreement that the plans are in approvable form.

Roll Call:	Members Present:	Mr. Serne, Chairman Mr. Biondillo Bldg. Comm. Mr. Mikula, City Engineer Mrs. Milbrandt, City Forrester Mr. Smerigan, City Planner
	Also Present:	Carol Oprea, Admin. Asst.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Serne– You have had a chance to review the minutes of March 6, 2018. If there are no additions or corrections they will stand as submitted.

**NEW APPLICATIONS**

**TESTOIL/ T. Pesta, Agent**

Recommendation of the colors and materials for the reface of the current Testoil building located at 20338 Progress Drive, PPN 392-18-003 zoned General Industrial.

Mr. Serne– Item Number One, Testoil. Please state you name and address for the record.

Ms. Pesta – Tarra Pesta, K2M Design, 3121 Bridge Ave., Cleveland, Ohio 44113

Mr. Serne– Please explain to the Board what you plan to do.

Ms. Pesta – I am here on behalf of Testoil and we were originally engaged to do their interior renovation and as you may be aware, they currently have this addition under construction, which was done by another architect and as we were going through their interior design process they started thinking about how this was going to affect their image and their brand and their culture and so they started thinking about it in a bigger way and looking at the building as a whole. They wanted to look at the exterior and give it a second look and see if there was a way to tie in what we are doing on the interior with how they are going to present themselves on the outside as well. What we did was take the addition which originally had a band following these windows and simplified it down so it is a white EFIS on top and a grey on the bottom and the blue for their signage was pooled from their logo. I am not here to pursue full signage approval today but this is just the concept and then we will return with a more detailed packet for signage. On the addition we have white EFIS, the Testoil grey EFIS which is this and then looking at the existing building and how to make that a little more cohesive, we felt that the original concept was going to be a little bit bland and that there were probably better ways to tie everything together. What we have is a whitewashed brick and they are thinking with the whitewash is to bring in that white but also to retain a little bit of the texture and character and warmth of the original building. They have these bronze windows existing going on and then we are going to match those for the coping and the canopies with a dark bronze which is similar to what they have now. We are doing a basically flat metal canopy over the front door, new halo lit sign with their logo colors and then on the side façade facing the parking lot, if you are looking at the front of the building that is here, their new addition is going right here. Their main entrance is the front and their employee entrance is actually going to be right around this point where they have a red awning at this time. We will tie in the bronze color there with replacing an existing awning here as a secondary exit and then making their employee entrance a little bit more welcoming and protected with a prefab canopy in that same bronze color.

Mr. Serne– Tony.

Mr. Biondillo – Is that the white color the EFIS?

Ms. Pesta – Yes.

Mr. Biondillo – Personally I think it looks good. That brick doesn't really tie into anything, the existing brick so I think it looks good.

Mr. Serne– Ken.

Mr. Mikula – I agree.

Mr. Serne – I think you tied it all together well. It's very understated. Jennifer.

Mrs. Milbrandt – No additional comments.

Mr. Serne – George.

Mr. Smerigan – I agree, I think it's a nice improvement for the entire image of the building.

Mr. Biondillo – Is that going to be the color for their signage too?

Ms. Pesta – Yes, it's kind of like the first test is blue and oil, they literally test oil. It will be blue and then grey.

Mr. Serne- If there are no other questions or comments I will entertain a motion for Testoil.

Mrs. Milbrandt – I motion to accept the Recommendation of the colors and materials for the reface of the current Testoil building located at 20338 Progress Drive, PPN 392-18-003 zoned General Industrial.

Mr. Smerigan – Second.

Roll Call: All Ayes APPROVED

Mr. Serne- Is there any other business to come before the board?

Hearing no further business. The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

*Dale Serne* /s/

Dale Serne, Chairman

*Carol M. Oprea* /s/

Carol M. Oprea, Administrative  
Assistant, Boards & Commissions

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Approved