

**STRONGSVILLE ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
MINUTES OF MEETING
April 8, 2025**

The Architectural Review Board of the City of Strongsville met in the Building Department Conference Room at the 16099 Foltz Parkway, on ***Tuesday, April 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.***

Present: Architectural Review Board Members: George Smerigan, Chairman; Dale Serne, Architect; Jennifer Milbrandt, City Forester; Ted Hurst, Building Commissioner and Ken Mikula, City Engineer

Roll Call: Members Present: Mr. Smerigan, Chairman
Mr. Serne, Architect
Mrs. Milbrandt, City Forester
Mr. Hurst, Building Comm.
Mr. Mikula, City Engineer

Also Present: Mrs. Anderson, Administrator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Smerigan – You have had a chance to review the minutes of March 25, 2025. If there are no additions or corrections they will stand as submitted.

NEW APPLICATION:

1) ASHLIEGH CLARK INTERIOR DESIGN GROUP

Recommendation of the elevations, colors, materials and lighting for property located at 13100 Prospect Road, PPN 392-15-007, zoned General Industrial

Mr. Smerigan - Please state your name and address for the record.

Ashliegh Clark, 13100 Prospect Road, Strongsville, Ohio

Mr. Smerigan – Please give us a brief description of your project.

Ms. Clark – We purchased this building this year and would like to move from our location on Pearl and Drake to the new building on Prospect Road. We are getting ready to submit for interior permits and wanted to also get the approval for the exterior. We would like to paint, new windows, doors, install metal awnings, and

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exterior sconces on the building for aesthetics. We will enclose one door and will put in a storefront door where the garage door is currently located. The landscaping will remain as is and this existing building does not have any trees, we will keep it as is because our parking will be there.

Mr. Serne – The space is tight.

Ms. Clark – There are railroad tracks in the back and there is not much more that we can do.

Mr. Smerigan – Are there any questions from the Members?

Mr. Hurst – The building does not show any egress lighting.

Ms. Clark – Our architect and engineer will be submitting full electrical plans this week.

Mr. Hurst – Are you planning on making any improvements to the parking lot?

Ms. Clark – Not right now but we will get rid of the grass and weeds.

Mr. Hurst – You may want to look at the aprons.

Ms. Clark – We definitely need to do something about the one apron. We do not plan on doing any improvements with the main lot this year, besides minor repairs.

Mr. Mikula – Are you going to close off the garage door?

Ms. Clark – No we will close off the man door and make the garage door our storefront. We will brick in the man door to match the building.

Mr. Serne - There should be lighting at the doors and store well.

Ms. Clark – They will do all of the egress lighting with the electrical plans that we are submitting this week. Aesthetically we are doing the sconces in the front.

Mrs. Milbrandt – I really like everything that you are doing and I think it will be a huge improvement. Are we reviewing the signage today?

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Ms. Clark – No, we are going through Fast Signs and we will have them do the submittal to ARB.

Mrs. Milbrandt – Just don't forget the address on the building because that looks really nice. Originally you submitted plans for landscaping, it would be ideal if you could add some shrubbery in the front.

Ms. Clark – We definitely will in the future; however, I just don't want to do it with what we will have to do to our parking lot next year. We will look to do that at the beginning of next year.

Mrs. Milbrandt – I would like to see a little arborvitae along the railroad track.

Ms. Clark – Arborvitae would be ideal.

Mrs. Milbrandt – Make sure that you use something that is deer resistant because they do love arborvitae, something like the green giant arborvitae. You may want to eventually consider using some black pots to tie in the front, which will add a little bit of color.

Mr. Smerigan – I think you have done a good job with changing the whole character of the building. The awning and sconces really imaged the building in a nice way.

Ms. Clark – I always loved the building.

Mr. Smerigan – I agree with Jennifer, it would be nice if you could get a couple of shrubs in the front to dress up the building.

Mr. Hurst – We could live with the pots, for now, until you redo the parking lot next year. If you could provide something in front of the building, something small.

Ms. Clark - Absolutely.

Mrs. Milbrandt – I believe you did that on Pearl Road with the pots.

Ms. Clark – We did have the faux planters in the front.

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Mrs. Milbrandt – I motion to give a favorable recommendation of the elevations, colors, materials and lighting for property located at 13100 Prospect Road, PPN 392- 15-007, zoned General Industrial

Mr. Hurst – Second.

Roll Call:

All Ayes

APPROVED

Mr. Smerigan – If there is no further business. The meeting is adjourned.

George Smerigan/s/

George Smerigan, Chairman

Mitzi Anderson/s/

Mitzi Anderson, Administrator
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Approved