



HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

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July 15, 2026

TO: Rabbiah Sabbakhan
Department of Permitting Services
FROM: Laura DiPasquale
Historic Preservation Section
Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission
SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit #1162203– Construction of pole barn

The Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) has reviewed the attached applications for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP). This application was **approved** at the July 15, 2026 HPC meeting.

The HPC staff has reviewed and stamped the attached submission materials.

THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR THIS PROJECT SHALL BE ISSUED CONDITIONAL UPON ADHERENCE TO THE ABOVE APPROVED HAWP CONDITIONS AND MAY REQUIRE APPROVAL BY DPS OR ANOTHER LOCAL OFFICE BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN.

Applicant: Tree of Life Foundation (Monika Palmore, Agent)
Address: 19010 Fisher Avenue, Poolesville

This HAWP approval is subject to the general condition that the applicant will obtain all other applicable Montgomery County or local government agency permits. After the issuance of these permits, the applicant must contact this Historic Preservation Office if any changes to the approved plan are made. Once work is complete, the applicant will contact Laura DiPasquale at 301-495-2167 or laura.dipasquale@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

Valhala is a two story rectangular shaped 19th century house of ashlar construction local Senaca sandstone to which are attached a circa 1835 story and a half log structure and a 2026 one story addition. The property is further enhanced by a circa 1830 stone dairy building and a frame nineteenth century barn. Valhalla is located on the south side of Whites Ferry Rd about three miles west of the intersection of Route 107 and Route 109 at Poolesville Maryland, in the northwest section of Montgomery County, Maryland. A tree lined driveway of about .2 miles leads to the house and outbuildings. The house is surrounded by broad lawns and large shade trees.

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

This package is a permit submission for a Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) to construct a new detached field pavilion-pole-barn structure measuring 24' x 36' with a metal roof, wood rafters, 3.5-inch round steel columns, gutters/downspouts, on a 30' x 40' concrete slab. The proposed pavilion/slab location is in the middle of the main field as shown on the attached aerial exhibits. The slab is to be constructed over 3.5 inches of compacted stone base with a 4-inch concrete slab above, and the structural columns are to be supported on independent concrete footings extending to at least frost depth below finished grade.

The attached aerial images show the proposed slab and pole-barn location in the middle portion of the main field, separated from the principal cluster of buildings and generally surrounded by open field area.

The structure is an accessory building with a roof, so it should be treated as a permitted accessory structure rather than a simple patio improvement. The work is limited to the field area and does not alter exterior historic building fabric on the principal structure. The proposed pavilion is freestanding in the open field and visually separated from the principal building cluster shown on the attached aerial exhibits.

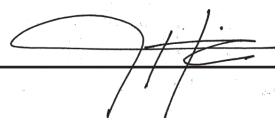
The proposed work does not require removal or modification of primary exterior historic features of the main house, and the structure should be finished in simple, neutral materials and colors compatible with the existing rural setting.

Roof runoff to be collected by gutters and downspouts and directed away from the slab perimeter to reduce erosion and drainage impacts within the field. Plan is to collect water into off grid water collection system

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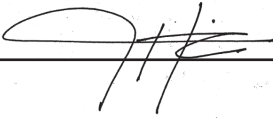
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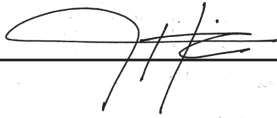
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Work Item 1: <u>Build Pavillion structure</u>	
Description of Current Condition: unused grass field	Proposed Work: Construct a new detached field pavilion pole barn structure measuring 24' x 36' with a metal roof, wood rafters, 3.5 inch round steel columns, gutters/downspouts on a 30' x 40' concrete slab.
Work Item 2: _____	APPROVED Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission 
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Work Item 3: _____	
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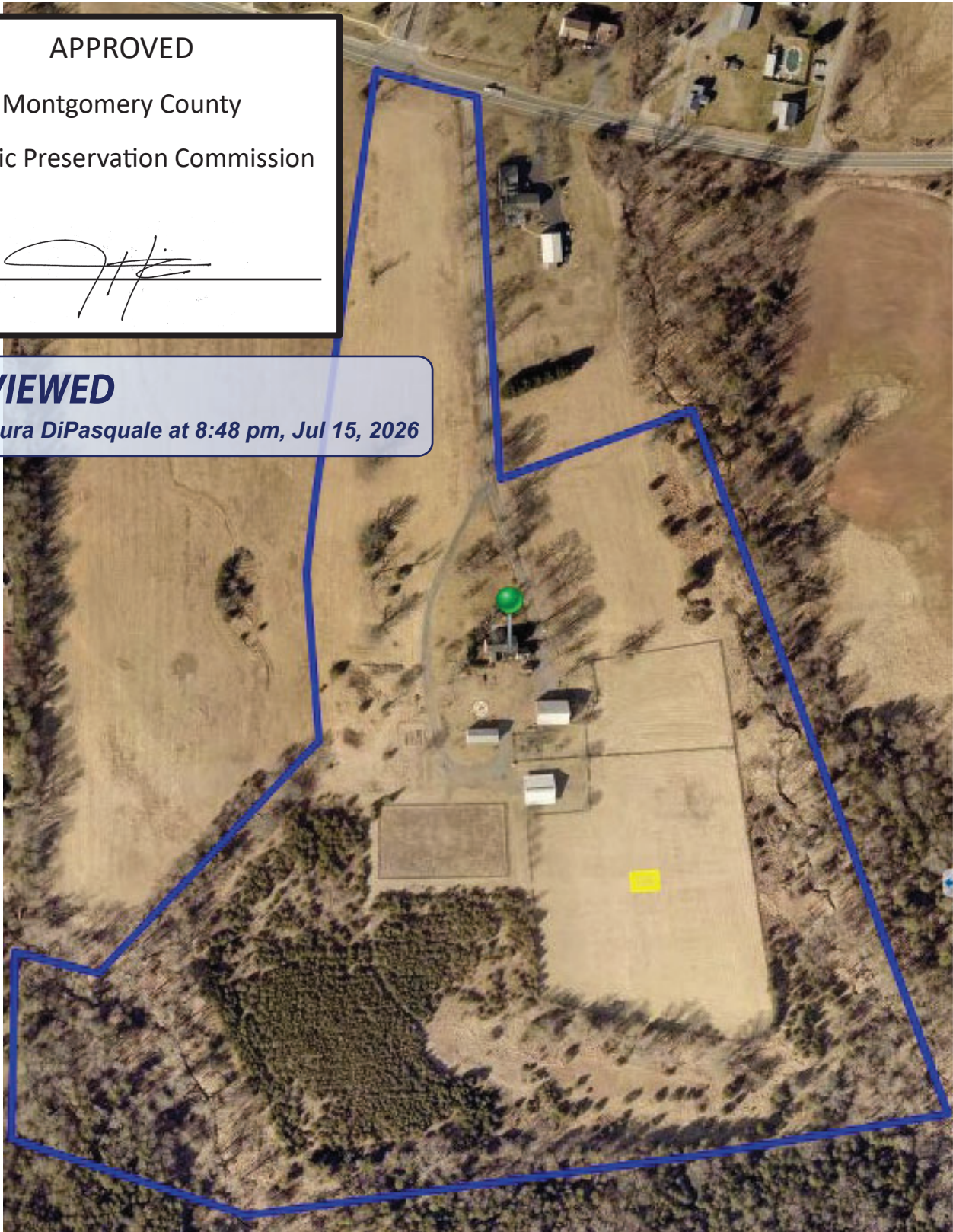
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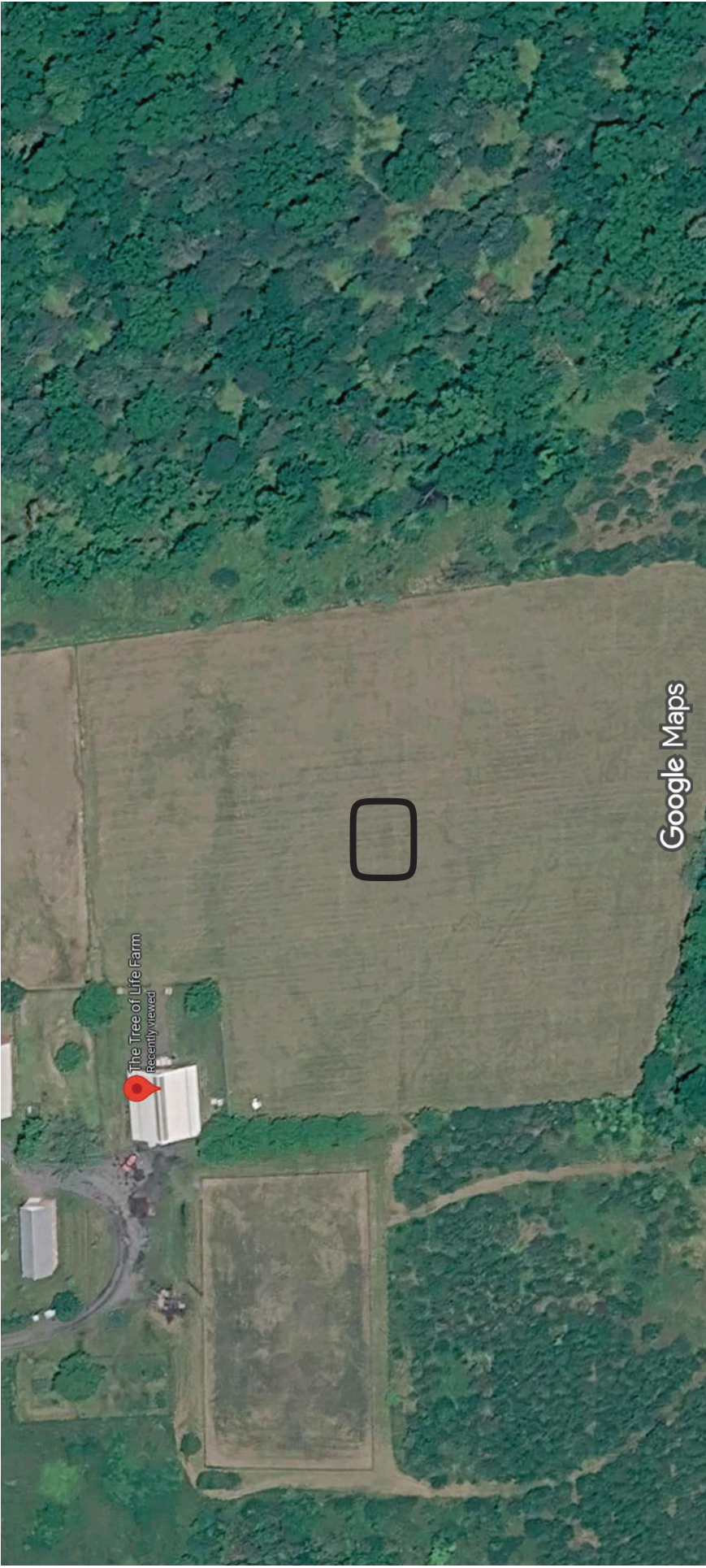


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Boundary of the subject property, outlined in blue, with the approximate location and size of the proposed structure shown in yellow.



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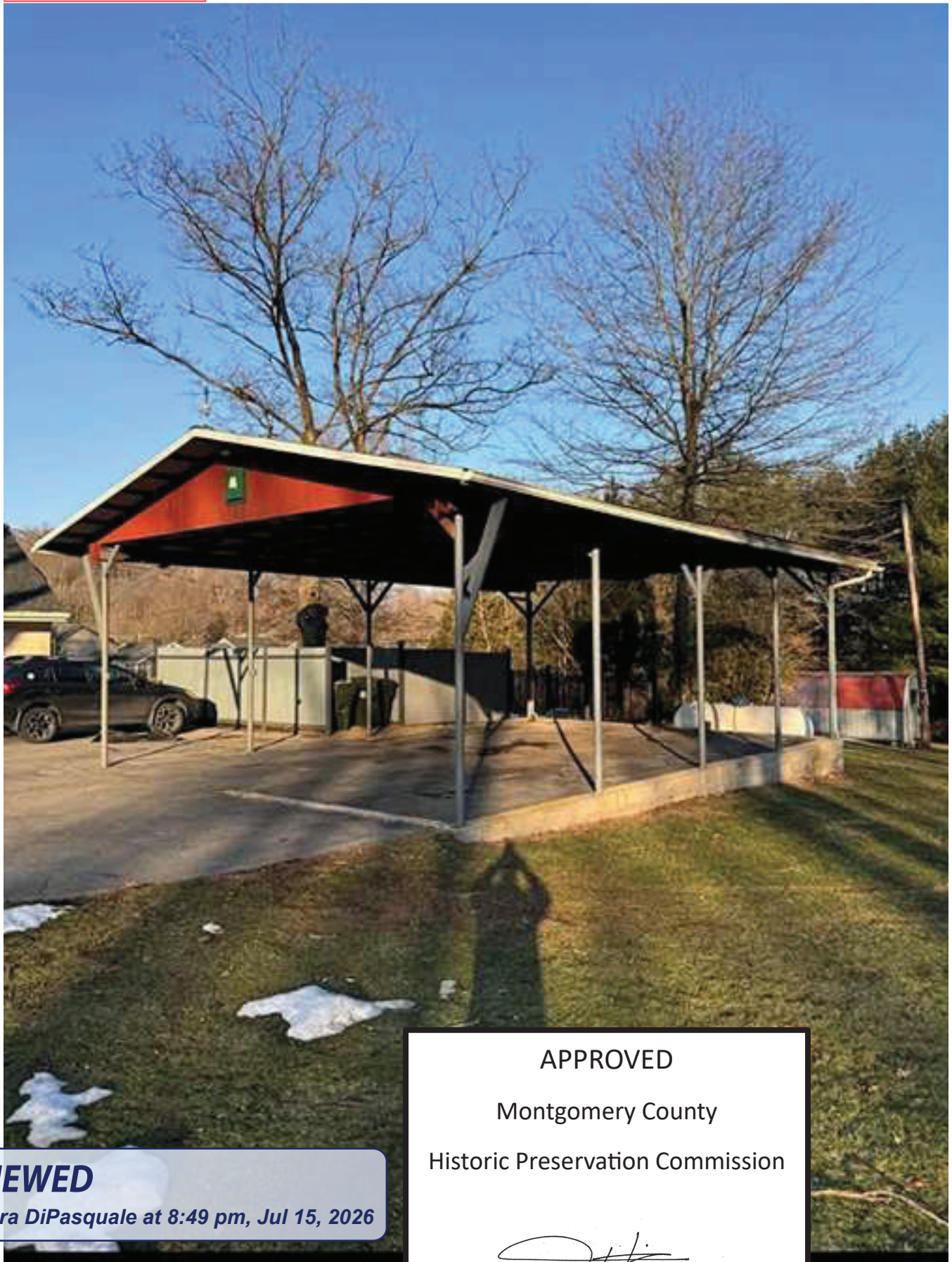
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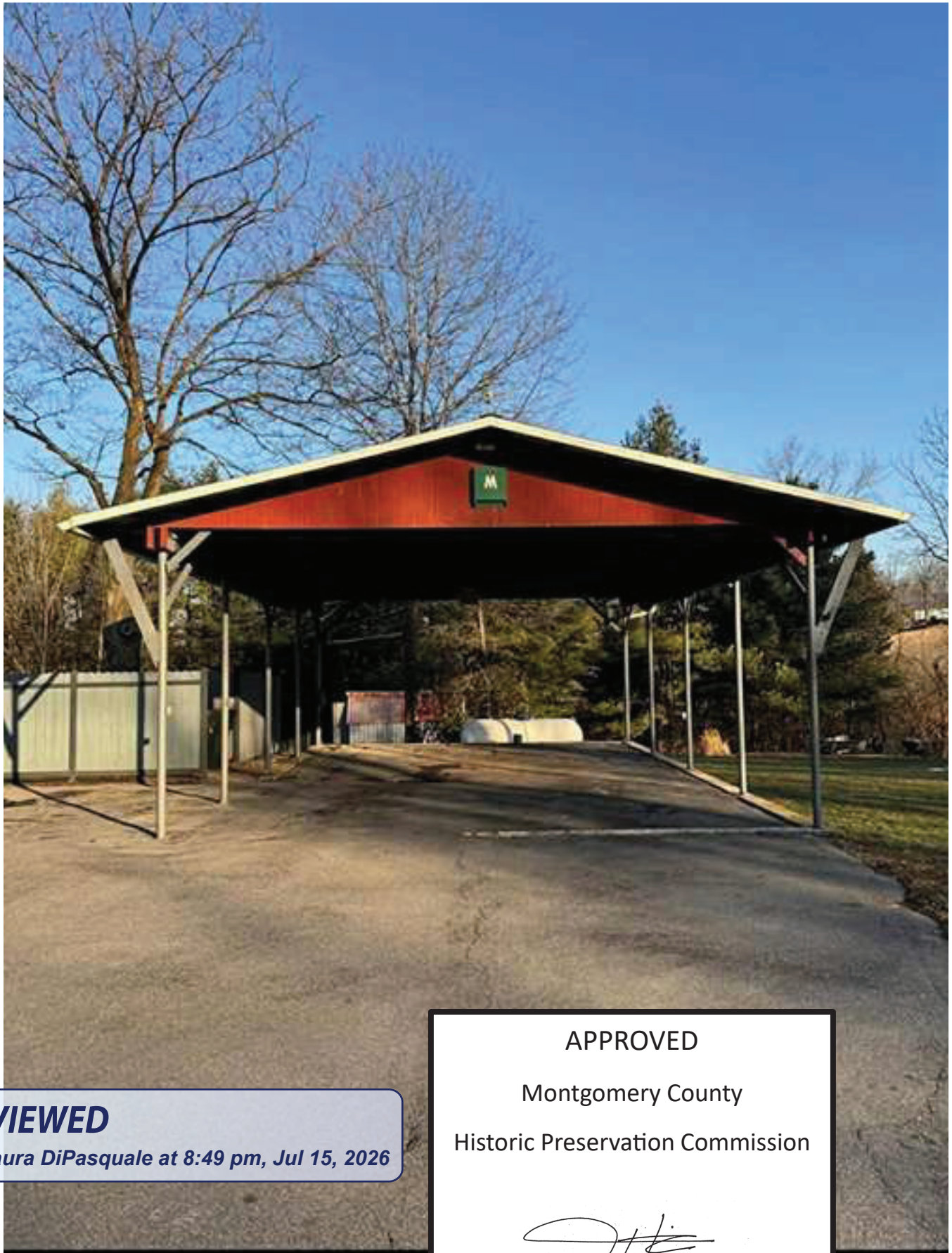
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