

37/3-97M 7230 Spruce Avenue  
(Takoma Park Historic District)





RETURN TO: DEPARTMENT OF PERMITTING SERVICES  
250 HUNGERFORD DRIVE, ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND 20850  
301/217-6370

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION  
301/495-4570

APPLICATION FOR  
HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

Contact Person: Roger Naylor  
Daytime Phone No.: 301 252-2215

Tax Account No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Property Owner: Roger Naylor Daytime Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: 7230 Spruce Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912  
Street Number City State Zip Code  
Contractor: NA Phone No.: NA  
Contractor Registration No.: NA  
Agent for Owner: NA Daytime Phone No.: NA

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE

House Number: Same as above Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
Town/City: \_\_\_\_\_ Nearest Cross Street: Tulip  
Lot: 27, 19, 20 Block: 8 Subdivision: Lipscomb & Earnest Trustee's Addition  
Liber: \_\_\_\_\_ Folio: \_\_\_\_\_ Parcel: \_\_\_\_\_

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1A. CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:  Construct  Extend  Alter/Renovate  Move  Install  Wreck/Raze  Revision  Repair  Revocable  
CHECK ALL APPLICABLE:  A/C  Slab  Room Addition  Porch  Deck  Shed  Solar  Fireplace  Woodburning Stove  Single Family  Fence/Wall (complete Section 4)  Other: Add siding  
1B. Construction cost estimate: \$ 6,000 - 8,000  
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I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing application, that the application is correct, and that the construction will comply with plans approved by all agencies listed and I hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

[Signature] Signature of owner or authorized agent 3/30/97 Date

Approved: 9704030061 For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission  
[Signature] Signature: [Signature] Date: 4/24/97  
Application/Permit No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_

SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR INSTRUCTIONS

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND THE  
REQUIRED DOCUMENTS MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION.**

**1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT**

a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

1800 sq. ft. Bungalow on 0.4 acre land in Historic District of Takoma Park. 2 bed room / 1 bath purchased by current owner 3/17/97. House is wood frame w/ white siding. The house was reportedly constructed in 1913.

b. General description of project and its effect on the historic resource(s), the environmental setting, and, where applicable, the historic district:

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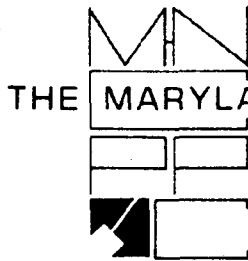
**6. TREE SURVEY**

If you are proposing construction adjacent to or within the dripline of any tree 6" or larger in diameter (at approximately 4 feet above the ground), you must file an accurate tree survey identifying the size, location, and species of each tree of at least that dimension.

**7. ADDRESSES OF ADJACENT AND CONFRONTING PROPERTY OWNERS**

For ALL projects, provide an accurate list of adjacent and confronting property owners (not tenants), including names, addresses, and zip codes. This list should include the owners of all lots or parcels which adjoin the parcel in question, as well as the owner(s) of lot(s) or parcel(s) which lie directly across the street/highway from the parcel in question. You can obtain this information from the Department of Assessments and Taxation, 51 Monroe Street, Rockville, (301/279-1355).

PLEASE PRINT (IN BLUE OR BLACK INK) OR TYPE THIS INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE.  
PLEASE STAY WITHIN THE GUIDES OF THE TEMPLATE, AS THIS WILL BE PHOTOCOPIED DIRECTLY ONTO MAILING LABELS.



THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION  
8787 Georgia Avenue • Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760

DATE: 4/24/97

MEMORANDUM

TO: Historic Area Work Permit Applicants

FROM: Gwen Marcus<sup>102</sup>, Historic Preservation Coordinator  
Design, Zoning, and Preservation Division  
M-NCPPC

SUBJECT: Historic Area Work Permit Application - Approval of  
Application/ Release of Other Required Permits

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Enclosed is a copy of your Historic Area Work Permit application, approved by the Historic Preservation Commission at its recent meeting, and a transmittal memorandum stating conditions (if any) of approval.

You may now apply for a county building permit from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), at 250 Hungerford Drive, Second Floor, in Rockville. Please note that although your work has been approved by the Historic Preservation Commission, it must also be approved by DEP before work can begin.

When you file for your building permit at DEP, you must take with you the enclosed forms, as well as the Historic Area Work Permit that will be mailed to you directly from DEP. These forms are proof that the Historic Preservation Commission has reviewed your project. For further information about filing procedures or materials for your county building permit review, please call DEP at 217-6370.

If your project changes in any way from the approved plans, either before you apply for your building permit or even after the work has begun, please contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 495-4570.

Please also note that you must arrange for a field inspection for conformance with your approved HAWP plans. Please inform DEP/Field Services at 217-6240 of your anticipated work schedule.

Thank you very much for your patience and good luck with your project!

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 7230 Spruce Avenue

Meeting Date: 4/23/97

Resource: Takoma Park Historic District

Review: HAWP

Case Number: 37/3-97M

Tax Credit: Partial

Public Notice: 4/9/97

Report Date: 4/16/97

Applicant: Roger Naylor

Staff: Robin D. Ziek

PROPOSAL: Demolish shed addition;  
Remove aluminum siding

RECOMMENDATIONS: APPROVAL  
w/CONDITIONS

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RESOURCE SUMMARY

RESOURCE: Takoma Park Historic District, Contributing Resource (1915-1925)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Demolish block shed addition, remove aluminum siding

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The subject property is a bungalow with a full-width front porch. The house is on an odd shaped piece of land, and there have been some alterations and several additions. The applicant proposes to remove a block addition on the south side of the building which measures 10' x 8'. The side yard in this area will then be re-planted. A combination of lattice and paint will be used to finish off the foundation of the house where exposed by the removal of the block addition.

The owner has revised his application with a letter dated April 16, 1997, and proposes to continue the process of removing the existing aluminum siding, and repairing the wood lap siding below (See Circle 3,4,5 ). The wood siding on the front (east) elevation, under the porch is already exposed. It has been repaired at some point, and repainted. Part of the wood siding is exposed on the north side of the house, and some of the boards have cracks and splits. The applicant wrote in his application that he wanted to install either brown vinyl siding or wood siding upon removal of the aluminum siding, but he has revised his application after talking with HPC staff.

The applicant has also noted intentions to build a second floor dormer on the north side of the house. The applicant and staff discussed the need to submit drawings for consideration of this portion of the application. Drawings were not submitted by the agreed-upon deadline (4/8/97) and this portion of the application is not being presented for HPC consideration at this time.

The applicant has also requested that he be notified before anyone visits his property so that he may be present.

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GENERAL STAFF COMMENTS

Staff supports the proposed demolition of the block shed addition. The addition is out of character with the original structure, in terms of massing and materials. The replanting of this sideyard will also be more in-keeping with the historic district patterns of open space. The use of lattice and paint to treat the exposed foundation area is compatible with the resource and the district.

Staff supports the applicant's revised proposal to remove the existing aluminum siding and repair the existing wood siding. Staff notes that the wood siding on the front facade of the house has already been repaired and repainted. All this type of work is typically encouraged by the HPC, and the applicant can apply for a 10% tax credit from the County and a 10% tax credit from the State to assist with these costs. Staff feels that the front porch illustrates the potential for the repair of the original wood siding. Some of the boards may be repaired and some may be replaced in kind. But the use of artificial siding materials is not in-keeping with the original materials in the historic district, and has consistently not been supported by the HPC.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that, **with the following conditions**, the Commission find this proposal consistent with the purposes of Chapter 24A-8(b)2:

The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site, or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter;

and with Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2:

The historic character of a property shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall be avoided.

CONDITIONS:

- 1) Upon removal of the aluminum siding, the wood siding shall be retained/repaired, as per the applicant's revised application via letter dated April 16, 1997.
- 2) No 2nd story dormer shall be built until plans are reviewed and approved by the HPC.
- 3) *When alum siding has been removed, staff make site visit & discuss next*

and subject to the general condition that the applicant arrange for a field inspection by calling the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), Field Services Office, five days prior to commencement of work and within two weeks following completion of work.

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*step. If other than repair, applicant shall come back to HPC.*

**ROGER NAYLOR****April 16, 1997**

**Ms. Robin Ziek  
Historic Preservation Planner  
The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission  
8787 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3760**

**Dear Ms. Ziek,**

**It is with complete disgust that I withdraw my application for siding modification to my recently purchased residence.**

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On the issue of walking others property to carry out the tasks required of your position with the commission, you said you sometimes feel awkward. I perform site reconnaissance of others property every week to evaluate environmental issues as part of my job and never feel awkward because I notify all the appropriate people by telephone including the owner or owners representatives. In addition, it is a much safer approach to communicate to land owners that you are coming and will be on their property. Although in our telephone conversation you say this is legal since I submitted an application, I feel a sense of violation knowing a stranger was on my premises without me knowing. Your form letter said I could "make arrangements with you prior to photographing the exterior". Since I received your unsigned memorandum after you had walked my property, I suggest you call the property owner on the telephone to verify receipt of the letter prior to walking their property including any future visits to my home, if planned, after I apply for the addition of a dormer for a upstairs bathroom. The demolition of the shed is still planned pending approval from the committee.

Ms. Ziek, my experience with you has been nothing but stressful. I hope that changes with our future dealings.

Sincerely,



Roger Naylor  
Environmental Scientist

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ROGER NAYLOR  
7230 SPRUCE AVENUE  
TAKOMA PARK, MARYLAND 20912  
301.652.2215(WORK)  
301.270.5728 (HOME)

FACSIMILE TRANSMITTAL SHEET

TO: <b>MS. ROBIN ZIEK</b>	FROM: <b>Roger Naylor</b>
COMPANY: <b>MNCPPC</b>	DATE: <b>April 16, 1997</b>
FAX NUMBER: <b>301.495.1307</b>	TOTAL NO. OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER: <b>3</b>
PHONE NUMBER: <b>301.495.4570</b>	SENDER'S REFERENCE NUMBER:
RE:	YOUR REFERENCE NUMBER:

URGENT     FOR REVIEW     PLEASE COMMENT     PLEASE REPLY     PLEASE RECYCLE

NOTES/COMMENTS:

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# APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT

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  - Single Family
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  - Other: Adds dirt

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Signature of owner or authorized agent: [Signature] Date: 3/30/97

Approved: 9707030061 For Chairperson, Historic Preservation Commission

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

301482-4270

1. WRITTEN DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

a. Description of existing structure(s) and environmental setting, including their historical features and significance:

1600 sq. ft. of existing structure on lot of Takon Park. 2 bed room, 1 bath purchased by [redacted] in 1913. The house was reportedly constructed in 1913.

Daytime Phone No.: 301-255-5512  
Tax Account No.: [redacted]

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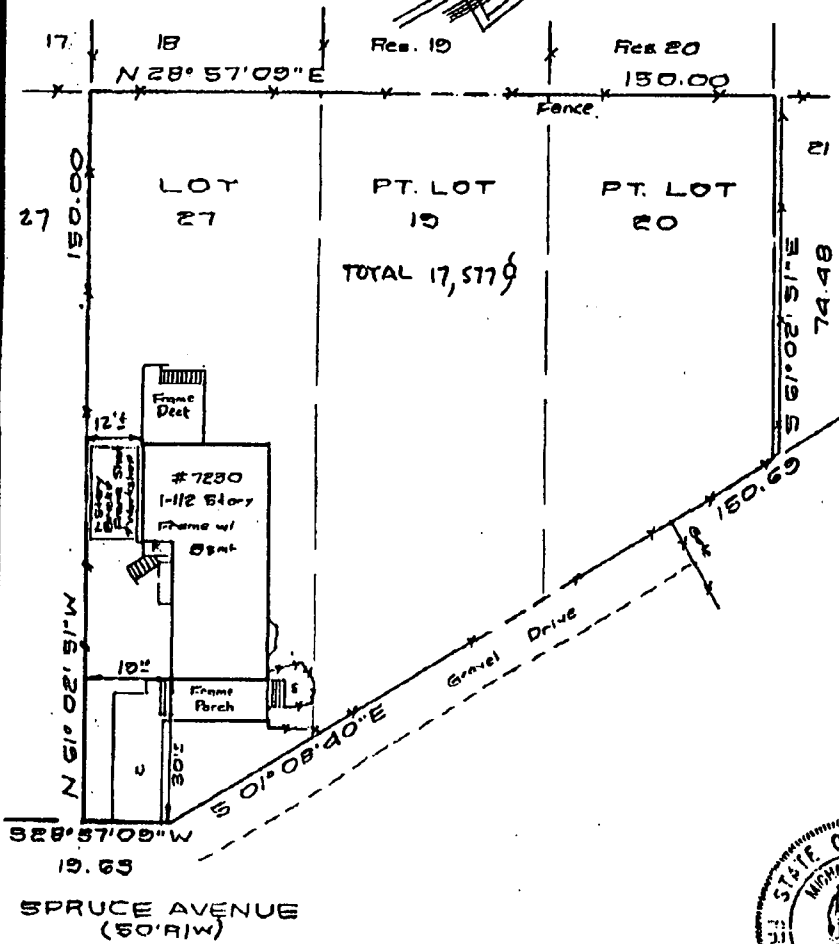
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NO... The lot shown hereon does not lie within the limits of the 100 year flood plain as shown on FIRM Panel No. 200-  
Date of Map: 9/5/01  
Flood Zone: "e"

NOTE: No property corners found or set unless otherwise noted.

NOTE: The accuracy of this survey and the apparent setback distance is 2 Ft. +/-



SPRUCE AVENUE  
(50' R/W)



LOCATION DRAWING  
LOT 27 1/4 PART OF LOTS 19 1/4 20  
BLOCK B  
LIPSCOMB & EARNEST  
TRUSTEES ADDITION TO  
TAKOMA PARK  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD.

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE**

I hereby certify that the property delineated hereon is in accordance with the Plat of Subdivision and/or deed of record, that the improvements were located by accepted field practices and include permanent visible structures and apparent encroachments, if any. This Plat is not for determining property lines or for construction of improvements, but prepared for exclusive use of present owners of property and also those who purchase, mortgage, or guarantee the title thereto, within six months from date hereof, and as to them I warrant the accuracy of this Plat.

*Michael J. Bazis*  
Michael J. Bazis RPLS #10958

THIS SURVEY IS FOR TITLE PURPOSES ONLY

JOB # 97.0184H	DATE 3-7-97
FIELD BC	DRAFT DJD
	P.B. 1 P# 46
	SCALE: 1" = 30'

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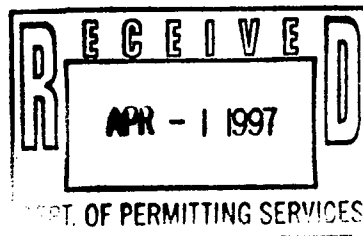


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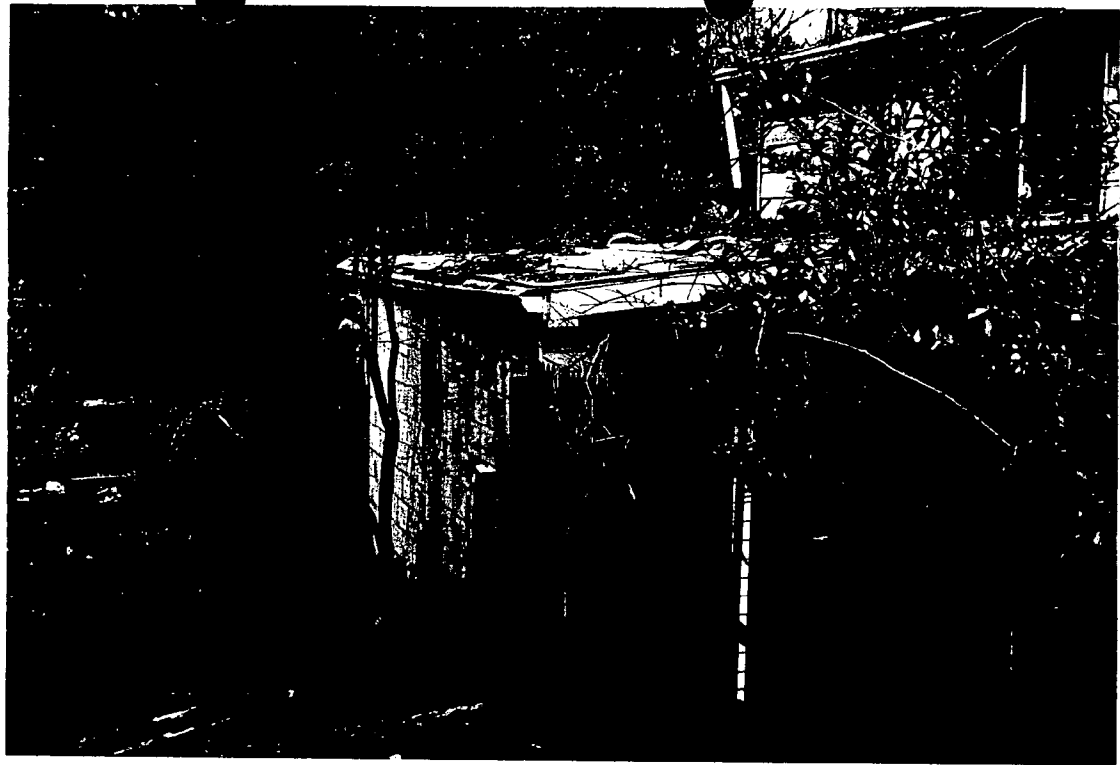
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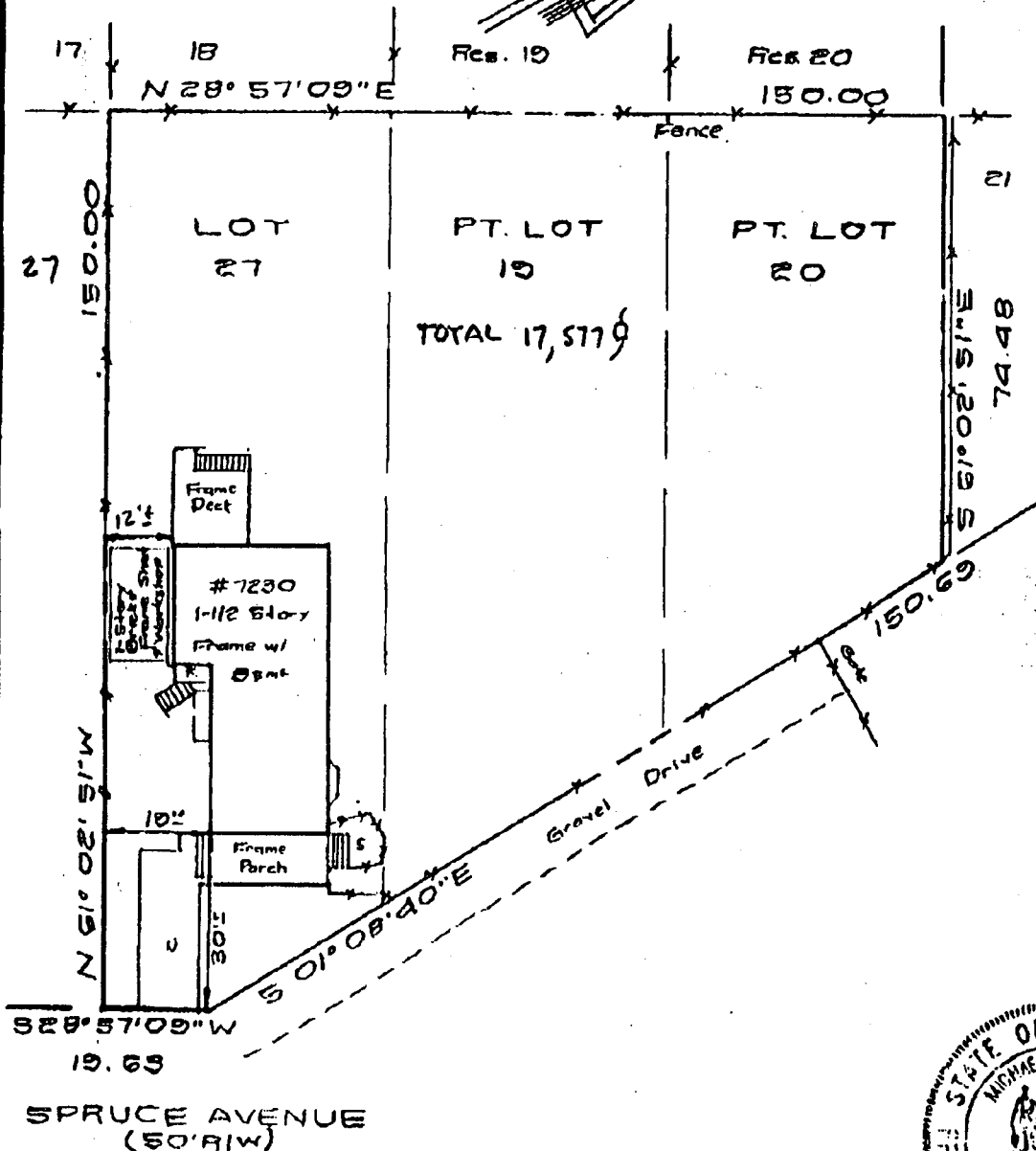
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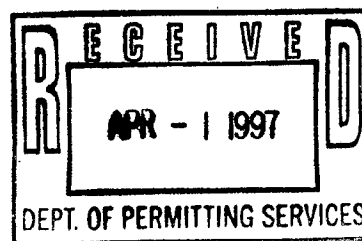
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economics are not very favorable. Hence the reason for application for this as a remodeling option. However Ms. Zeek, everyone loses with the recommendations in your report—my neighbors, myself and future owners of this home, and most of all the historic district. You're the only one that seems to have won. I guess I'll work with what I have and remove the aluminum siding and make repairs to the wood siding.

On the issue of walking others property to carry out the tasks required of your position with the commission, you said you sometimes feel awkward. I perform site reconnaissance of others property every week to evaluate environmental issues as part of my job and never feel awkward because I notify all the appropriate people by telephone including the owner or owners representatives. In addition, it is a much safer approach to communicate to land owners that you are coming and will be on their property. Although in our telephone conversation you say this is legal since I submitted an application, I feel a sense of violation knowing a stranger was on my premises without me knowing. Your form letter said I could "make arrangements with you prior to photographing the exterior". Since I received your unsigned memorandum after you had walked my property, I suggest you call the property owner on the telephone to verify receipt of the letter prior to walking their property including any future visits to my home, if planned, after I apply for the addition of a dormer for a upstairs bathroom. The demolition of the shed is still planned pending approval from the committee.

Ms. Ziek, my experience with you has been nothing but stressful. I hope that changes with our future dealings.

Sincerely,



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