ITEM #5: For the ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION; April 20th @ 7:00 P.M.

REQUEST: Consideration of a request for signage for "Property Tax Consultants", 114 Old McHenry Road within the B-1 Historic District, submitted by Sign-a-rama of Buffalo Grove.

HISTORY/STAFF REVIEW:

The property in question is located on the north side of Old McHenry Road and across the street from "The Tavern" and east of but adjacent to the buildings formerly occupied by "Wine Splash" & "Epilogue".

As submitted the petitioner proposes one (1) hanging sign measuring 24" x 38" (6.3 sq. ft.). Square footage of the commercial space for which the sign is being requested is approximately 1,100 square feet. For retail spaces containing 1,001 to 3,000 sq. ft. of floor area 20 square feet of signage may be allowed per the Village Zoning Code.

Based upon the total square footage of signage proposed (6.3 square feet +/-), the requested signage is within the square footage limits for the floor area at this location. Signage may be divided up between wall signs, hanging signs and freestanding signs but may not exceed the maximum allowable square footage as allocated by floor area.

The hanging sign would be mounted (w/ "S" hooks) to the existing scroll bracket of the front (west side) of the building. The sign as proposed is to be "Omega Board" (Omega Sign Board features a hardwood core composed of a premium, exterior furniture-grade plywood with smooth, tight, sanded veneers for optimum surface beauty. With its brilliant white vinyl finish, the surface of Omega Sign Board is impact-resistant and formulated with high-performance UV inhibitors to reduce fading) and a trim cap. Lettering is proposed to be painted in blue with a white background and red accents including a border. No illumination is proposed with the sign request. (See attached).

SIGN REGULATIONS:

The following are excerpts of applicable portions of the Village Sign Ordinance:

E) Historic Business District Signs: Signs within the B1 historic business district must comply with the regulations of general applicability as set forth throughout this section, except as specifically set forth in this subsection (E). Signs within this area should reflect the historic and eclectic character of the historic business district and be integrated with the landscaping and architecture to the greatest extent possible. The following regulations apply to signs within the B1 historic business district:

1. Open Signs: A business may display one illuminated open sign, provided that such illuminated "Open" sign: a) is no more than one square foot in area, b) includes lighted white letters on an unlit background, c) does not exceed an illumination level of eight hundred forty (840) lumens, and d) otherwise complies with those provisions of subsection (D)1 of this section that are not inconsistent with this subsection (E)1, except that the approval of the architectural commission shall not be required. A business may not display a lighted open sign at times when the business is not open to the public for normal business.

2. Neon Illumination: Neon illumination of signs is only permitted: a) if neon is used as part of an "Open" sign that meets the requirements of subsection (E)1 of this section, or b) upon application and approval of a variation from the requirements of this code pursuant to subsection 5-11-15(E)1(c) of this title. For purposes of a request for a variation for neon sign illumination, a practical difficulty or particular hardship may be found to exist when the neon illumination of signs would be traditionally appropriate for the nature of the business and if such proposed sign is appropriate to the architectural style or era of construction of the business.

3. Maintenance: If signs are not properly maintained they must be removed or replaced. Proper maintenance includes: a) repairing of any damage caused by weather or other impact, b) ensuring signs do not pose a hazard, or provide misleading information, to pedestrians or motorists, c) repairing cracks, fading, or general deterioration.

4. Materials: Signs should be constructed of high quality, long lasting and natural building materials, which may include painted wood, metal, or stone, but may not include particle board, plastic, or highly reflective metallic material unless expressly approved by the architectural commission.

5. Awnings: Businesses having awnings may include the business's name as copy along the lower edge or fringe of an awning, but any awning displaying such copy shall be considered a wall or canopy sign as allowed by subsection (E)7 of this section and included in the maximum sign area calculation for that location.

6. Flags: Flags, in good condition and totaling not more than fifteen (15) square feet per zoning lot or per principal structure, may be displayed.

7. Number: The limit of signs per business establishment is one ground sign, one nameplate sign, and one wall sign or one canopy sign. Such signs, singularly or in combination, shall not exceed the maximum permitted sign area.

8. Total Size: Except as otherwise authorized by variation pursuant to subsection 5-11-15(E)1(c) of this title, the cumulative total square footage for all signs shall not exceed the following:

MAXIMUM SIGN AREA PERMITTED IN THE
B1 BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT
(In Square Feet)

Total Area Of Business In Square Feet	B1 Setback (building and all signs) less than 50' from nearest edge of pavement of main roadway unless otherwise approved by architectural commission	B1 Setback (building and all signs) at least 50' from nearest edge of pavement of main roadway
1 - 1,000	12	16
1,001 - 3,000	20	26
3,001 - 5,000	30	38
5,001 or greater	30	38

Except as otherwise provided, square footage, for the purpose of this subsection (E), shall be calculated based on single sign face of any double faced sign.

9. Temporary Banner Signs: The village planner may authorize temporary banner signs that conform with subsection (G)2(i) of this section for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days for signs that relate to the business, service, pursuit, or event conducted on or within the premises on which the sign is displayed.

10. Sandwich Board Signs: The village planner may authorize one sandwich board sign, with cumulative total of all sign faces not exceeding twelve (12) square feet in addition to the total number and square footage of signs otherwise authorized, if requested as part of a business's annual business license application. The authorization to display a sandwich board sign must be renewed annually with the business license and include site plan identifying the general placement of the sign as well as a scaled drawing (or "proof") identifying the dimensions, materials and copy of the sign. Sandwich board signs may not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular ingress or egress, and must be placed inside the structure when the business authorized to display such sign is closed to the public. Such signage shall be nonilluminated and may not adversely impact the health, safety, and welfare of the general public. Sandwich board signs may not be located on, or otherwise obstruct, pedestrian walkways, parking lots, and streets and be adjacent to the destination they are intended to serve but may not be displayed in the right of way. For purposes of this subsection (E), a "sandwich board sign" shall be a portable and temporary A-frame sign that is designed to be self-supporting by nature, which sign may have two (2) sign faces and should be simple, unique and constructed of high quality materials that complement the landscaping and architecture of the B1 district.

11. Setbacks: Unless otherwise specified, setbacks shall be subject to the review and approval of the architectural commission.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION DECISION:

The Commission should review the request for signage against the aforementioned regulations and render a determination based upon those criteria as well as the appropriateness of the signage at this location in relation to other signage on the structure. As submitted the requested signage is with the parameters of the Village Code and therefore approvable. An excerpt from the "Downtown Design Guidelines" regarding signage is included for consideration by the Commission.

Planning and Design Guidelines
Privately-owned Properties, *continued*

Historic Downtown

Signage Regulations

Signs

Signs shall follow the requirements set forth in the Long Grove Municipal Code, 5-9-5, Signs, to the greatest extent possible, except as listed below.

General Requirements

- Signs must reflect the historic and eclectic feel of the Long Grove Historic Downtown and be integrated within the landscaping and architecture whenever possible.
- Creative and unique signs are encouraged.
- Signs may not be internally illuminated.
- Recommended signs can be illuminated with architecturally appropriate fixtures including goose-neck style, carriage style, ground sign up lighting, or other fixtures designed to be hidden from view.

Placement

- No sign shall be placed more than 12 feet above finished grade at the main entrance of the building.
- Signs must be placed adjacent to the destination they are intended to serve.
- Window signs area allowed but are to cover no more than 20% of the total window space.

Colors

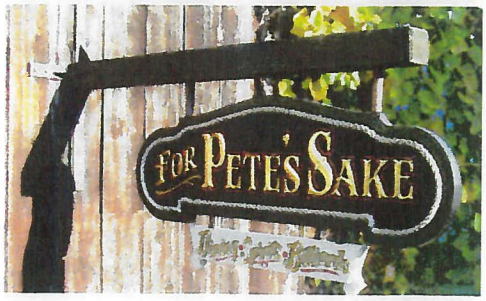
- A darker background with lighter lettering is encouraged.
- Use body colors for awnings and canopies that blend with the building facade.

Materials

- Signs should be simple and constructed of high quality materials.
- Signs must be durable, vandal resistant, and designed for easy maintenance.
- Suggested materials include painted wood, metal, and stone.
- No particle board or plastic is allowed.
- Highly reflective metallic signs are not permitted.

Content

- Signs shall be limited to the business name and a maximum or five additional words describing the products or services.
- Signs may not include an email, web, address, or phone number of the business.
- A graphic or symbol may be included on the sign given it is complementary to the overall design of the sign.



Temporary Signs

- Temporary signs must comply with Section 5-9-3 of the Long Grove Municipal Code.
- Hand lettered or temporary ground stake signs are prohibited.
- Daily retail "specials" signs or sandwich board are not allowed to be placed within the right-of-way.

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:	
AC Received:	
AC Reviewed:	
AC Approved:	
Village Bd. Approved:	

Village of Long Grove Illinois

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:		
Date Received:		
Permit No.:		
Date Issued:		
Township:		
Sec:	T:	R:
PIN No.:		
Zoning:		

ARCHITECTURAL COMMISSION SIGN PERMIT APPLICATION

BUSINESS NAME: Property Tax Consultants, Inc.	BUS. PHONE #: 847-383-0035
BUSINESS ADDRESS: 114 Old McHenry Road Long Grove, IL. 60047	
BUSINESS OWNER'S NAME: Frank Mete	E-MAIL PTCGROUP@PTC-IL.COM

TYPE OF SIGN(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:	OFFICE

The Architectural Commission regularly meets every third (3rd) Monday of the month at 7:00pm in the Village Hall or as otherwise posted. The applicant (or representative) must be present. Please prepare and submit seven (7) sets of all of the following information ten (10) days prior to the meeting:

1. THIS FULLY COMPLETED APPLICATION SIGNED BY BOTH THE PETITIONER AND THE PROPERTY OWNER
2. REGARDING THE POSITION OR LOCATION OF PROPOSED SIGN ON THE BUILDING OR PROPERTY:
   (a) PROVIDE SITE PLAN
   (b) PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPH OF THE LOCATION ON THE PROPERTY OR BUILDING WHERE THE SIGN WOULD BE INSTALLED
   (c) SQUARE FOOTAGE OF COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR WHICH SIGN IS BEING INSTALLED: 1100 sq. ft.
3. PROVIDE A DETAILED DRAWING (TO SCALE) OF THE PROPOSED SIGN, INCLUDING:
   (a) DIMENSIONS
   (b) SAMPLE OF COLORS ON SIGN
   (c) LETTER STYLE TO BE USED
   (d) SAMPLE OF ANY UNUSUAL MATERIAL TO BE USED ON THE SIGN
   (e) **FOR REQUESTS IN THE B-1 HISTORIC DISTRICT SEE SUGGESTED DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR SIGNAGE**

Should the sign be completed prior to the Architectural Commission's approval (this is not encouraged), the sign itself, or a photograph of the sign, shall be presented at the Architectural Commission meeting.

SIGN CONTRACTOR:

NAME: SIGNARAMA OF BUFFALO GROVE	PHONE #: 847-215-1535
ADDRESS: 352 LEXINGTON DR. BG 60089	E-MAIL: info@bgsignarama.com

The property owner's signature is required below before any sign application may be processed. The property owner's signature is confirmation that he/she has read and understands the regulations governing the erection of signs in the Village of Long Grove and further approves the erection of the above-described sign on his/her property.

Paul K

PROPERTY OWNER(S)' SIGNATURE(S)

Paul Kim as agent for Pinetree Management

PROPERTY OWNER(S)' PRINTED NAME(S)

Frank Mete

BUSINESS OWNER(S)' SIGNATURE(S)

(See the reverse side for maximum sign dimensions and fee schedule.)

38 in

24 in

24" x 38" 1/2" thick Omega board with trim cap, installed to existing scroll bracket with "S" hooks.

Colors

Face Red
White
Blue
Wood Print

Property Tax Consultants, Inc.
114 Old McHenry Rd. Long Grove, IL 60047

SCALE: NTS

DATE: April 9, 2015

DRAWING #: 01549A

352 LEXIN
PHONE: 84

36' Frontage

24" x 38" 1/2" thick Omega board with trim cap, installed to existing scroll bracket with "S" hooks.

Colors

Face Red
White
Blue
Wood Print

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SCALE: NTS	
DATE: April 9, 2015	
DRAWING #: 01549B	352 LEXIN PHONE: 84

Sign Location

Property Tax Consultants, Inc.
114 Old McHenry Rd. Long Grove, IL 60047

SCALE: NTS	
DATE: April 9, 2015	
DRAWING #: 01549C	352 LEXIN PHONE: 84