

The Gates Mills **Architectural Board** met in regular session on **Thursday, August 06, 2026** at **5:00 P.M.** in the Council Chambers of the Town Hall.

Members present: John Spirk; Chair, Janet AuWerter, Judi Embrescia, Jann Holzman, Sandra Turner and Sara Welsh.

Members absent: None.

Also present: William Childs, Architect and Richard Kawalek, Architect.

1. Revised addition and renovation plans for the **MONACO** residence at **35950 Dorchester Road.**

Eli Mahler, Architect was present.

Mr. Mahler reviewed the revised renovation plans for the Board. He stated the suggestions from the Board from last month's meeting had been included in the revised drawings, and felt the suggestions improved the design.

The Board members agreed the revised drawings are much improved.

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve as final the revised drawings as submitted.

Motion by: J. AuWerter 2nd: S. Turner

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
 Nays: None.

Motion Approved

2. Revised remodeling plans for the **SIRK** residence at **6974 Gates Road.**
Daniel Sirk, Architect was present.

Mr. Sirk reviewed the revised plans.

Mr. Childs stated the new front bay addition wood panels should be lowered and have a skirt board at the bottom.

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve as final the revised drawings as noted.

Motion by: S. Turner 2nd: J. AuWerter

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
 Nays: None.

Motion Approved

3. Revised addition and renovation plans for the **FRIES** residence at **463 Overlook Road.**

Heather Davies, Architect and Doug Fries, Owner were present.

Ms. Davies reviewed the revised plans.

Mr. Kawalek suggested considering the previous front elevation but remove the arch opening at the front porch, use closed eaves, and square columns.

Mr. Kawalek suggested studying the eave trim details, plans show 2 different styles. Also suggested removing the arch at the new entrance gable and adding an architrave.

Ms. Davies agreed with the suggested changes.

Mr. Fries asked if there was any way for the plans to be approved.

Mr. Spirk stated if they make the suggested changes, Mr. Biggert will email to the Board members to review and if everything appears to be revised as suggested, the plans can then be approved.

No Action Taken

4. Revised addition plans for the **HERBRUCK** residence at **1220 Carpenter Road.** Jonathon Herbruck, Owner was present.

Mr. Herbruck reviewed the revised plans for the Board. He stated there are three separate items up for consideration. The first is a fence/screening plan for storing trailers on the property, the second is a revised front porch plan, and lastly, he is looking for an approval on the bedroom addition plan so he can get started before the weather turns.

Mr. Biggert stated a detailed site plan is required showing the locations of all the new work along with setback dimensions for any review.

The Board agreed he was on the right track as far as the new front porch still needs work. The proposed bedroom additions ridge needs to be lowered to match the existing ridge height and the design be more symmetrical so the bedroom windows can be placed at quarter points.

Mr. Spirk stated if they can revise the front porch design and addition design as suggested, Mr. Biggert will circulate to the Board members for comment.

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve as final the fence/screening plans as submitted.

Motion by: J. Holzman

2nd: S. Turner

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None.

Motion Approved

5. Siding and window replacement plans for the **BODKER** residence at **901 Chagrin River Road.**

Matthew Ross, Architect was present.

Mr. Ross reviewed the plans for the Board. He stated Marvin windows will be used to replace the existing with Boral trim and Hardiboard siding. The siding will match the existing and all trim and molding profiles will match existing as show in the trim detail drawings.

After further discussion, a motion was made to approve as final the siding and window replacement drawings as submitted.

Motion by: J. AuWerter 2nd: J. Embrescia

Roll Call: Ayes: All.
Nays: None.

Motion Approved

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at **6:10 PM.**

John Spirk, Chair

Dave Biggert, Secretary