GENERAL/ HOME IMPROVEMENT LICENSING BOARD OF REVIEW August 7, 2019 111 N. Front Street Columbus, OH 43215 Room 204

The following duly appointed members were present: Chairman – **Mike Pione**, **Ken Neverman**, **Ross Appledorn** and **Tom Sintic**. Representing the City was Cliff Spruill. Toni Gillum was the stenographer transcribing the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Pione at 1:04 p.m. **Mr. Appledorn** made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 10, 2019 meeting as written. **Mr. Sintic** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The next item to come before the Board was the review of new Home Improvement Contractor applications.

The following applications were approved by the Board:

| Bautz, Donald | Limited - Siding, Windows & Doors, Limited - Masonry Fireplaces, Limited - Decks, Limited - Prefabricated Fireplaces & Wood or Coal Stoves, Limited - Basement Waterproofing, Limited - Exterior Lathing & Stucco, Limited - Sidewalks & Driveway Approaches, Limited - Gypsum Board, Limited - Roofing and Limited - Fencing | APPROVED |
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| Beever, Jacob | General | APPROVED |
| Delaney, Seth | Limited - Roofing | TABLED |
| <u>NAME</u> NAME Frost, Tobias | LICENSE TYPE LICENSE TYPE Limited - Decks and Fencing | APPROVED/TABLED APPROVED/TABLED APPROVED |
| Hall, Mary | (2)Limited - Siding, Windows and doors, and Roofing | TABLED |
| Honaker, Shaun | General | APPROVED |
| Maxim, Keith | Limited - Siding, Windows & Doors, Decks, Gypsum Board and Roofing | APPROVED |
| McCauley, Stephen | (8)Siding, Windows, Doors, Deck Installation, Sidewalks & Driveway Approaches, Fencing, Exterior Lathing & Stucco, Asphalt Paving, and Gypsum Board | APPROVED |
| Nickell, Russell | Limited - Siding, Windows & Doors, Masonry Fireplaces, Decks, Prefabricated Fireplaces & Wood or Coal Stoves, Basement Waterproofing, Exterior Lathing & Stucco, Sidewalks & Driveway Approaches, Gypsum Board, Roofing and Fencing | TABLED |
| Powell, Dan | Limited - Decks | APPROVED |
| Smith, Carlos | Limited - Siding, Windows & | APPROVED |

| | Doors, Decks, Asphalt Paving, Basement Waterproofing, Sidewalks & Driveway Approaches, Gypsum Board, Roofing and Fencing | |
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| Taylor, Jason | Limited - Siding, Windows & Doors, Decks, Gypsum Board, Fencing | APPROVED |
| Thomas, Quasi | Limited - Siding, Windows & Doors and Limited - Gypsum Board | TABLED |
| Tinkham, Michael S. | Limitied - Deck Installation, Sidewalks & Driveway Approaches, Fencing, Irrigation Sprinkler and Prefabricated fireplaces & wood or coal stoves | APPROVED |
| Velio, Jim | Demo | APPROVED |
| Weimerskirch, Matthew | Limited - Siding, Windows & Doors, Limited - Masonry | TABLED |
| | Fireplaces, Limited - Decks, Limited - Basement Waterproofing, Limited - Exterior Lathing & Stucco, and Limited - Fencing | |

Mr. Sintic made a motion to certify the results of the applicants who were approved to the Department of Building & Zoning Services for the issuance of a Home Improvement Contractor's License. **Mr. Wolt** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**.

The next item to come before the Board was the review of new Demolition Contractor applications.

| NAME | <u>TYPE</u> | APPROVAL |
|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Zeman, Nicholas | General | APPROVED |

Mr. Neverman made a motion to certify the results of the applicants who were approved to the Department of Building & Zoning Services for the issuance of a **Demolition Contractor's License**. **Mr. Sintic** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**.

DUE PROCESS HEARING FOR ALAN RICHARDSON

The next item before the Board was the complaint filed by the City of Columbus and Elizabeth Eberbach alleging that Alan Richardson/Belfor Property Restoration, has violated Columbus Building Code Sections: 4113.37(b), Building Permits Required, 4115.01, Inspections Required, 4115.03, Approvals Required, 4115.05, Inspections before covering at **109 Lake Bluff Drive**, Columbus, Ohio. Present for the meeting were Alan Richardson, Aaron Huffman, Bob Higgenbotham of Belfor and their attorney, Kevin Oles.

After testimony by the **City** and **Mr. Richardson**, and questions by the Board, **Ross Appledorn** made a motion as to FINDING OF FACT that **Belfor Property Restoration** failed to acquire the required permits, failed to get the required inspections, failed to get the required approvals, failed to get the inspections before covering all at the property located at 109 Lake Bluff Drive. **Ken Neverman** seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Appledorn made a motion that by doing so, **Belfor Property Restoration** is *GUILTY* of violating the Columbus Building Code Sections: 4113.37(b) Building Permits Required, 4115.01, Inspections Required, 4115.03, Approvals Required, 4115.05, Inspection before covering, **Mr. Neverman** seconded.

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Appledorn then made a motion that given that **Belfor** has remedied the situation that the Board take NO ACTION against their license. **Mr. Neverman** seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

DUE PROCESS HEARING FOR TODD SEEDS

The next item before the Board was the complaint filed by the **City of Columbus** alleging that **Todd Seeds** has violated Columbus Building Code Sections: 4113.37(b), Building Permits Required, 4115.01, Inspections Required, 4115.03, Approvals Required, 4115.05, Inspections before covering at 5656 North Meadows Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio. Present for the meeting were **Todd Seeds** and **Brian Lauer**, Inspection Supervisor for the City.

Brian Lauer, Building Inspection Field Supervisor, presented the complaint that was filed by the City of Columbus. Mr. Lauer explained that in the process of a Framing Inspection the Inspector identified headroom clearance dimensions shown on the plans were not feasible. The stairs do not have 80" clearance and there is a beam projecting with headroom at 73", this created a hardship for the homeowner by falsifying the documents or the plans submitted. **Cliff Spruill** explained that the reason this case was brought before the Board is because the information provided on the permit stated that the basement finish would be Code Compliant, but when the inspector got to the site, it was found that there was no way that it could be Code Compliant. It is a violation of providing misguided information on the approved documents and the work could not be performed.

After testimony by the **Brian Lauer** for the **City** and **Mr. Seeds**, and questions by the Board, the Board felt that it was not an intentional error. **Ross Appledorn** made a motion that **Mr. Seeds** did not fail to acquire the required permits, did not fail to get the required inspections, did not fail to get the required approvals, did not fail to get the inspections before covering at the property located at 5656 North Meadows. **Ken Neverman** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Appledorn made a motion that by doing so, **Mr. Seeds** is **NOT GUILTY** of violating the Columbus Building Code Sections: 4113.37(b) Building Permits Required, 4115.01, Inspections Required, 4115.03, Approvals Required, 4115.05, Inspection before covering, **Mr. Neverman** seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

DUE PROCESS HEARING FOR TREVOR WILLIAMS

The next item before the Board was the complaint filed by the City of Columbus and Shannon Smith alleging that **Trevor Williams** has violated Columbus Building Code Section: 4115.01, Inspections Required at **871 S. 22nd Avenue**, Columbus, Ohio. Trevor Williams was present for the meeting.

Mr. Spruill presented the complaint. All the work was done with permits and rough inspections, but, the final inspections were never called in. The permit expired. The homeowner came in and spoke to the City of Columbus CBO and got the expired permit reopened because all the work was completed. **Mr. Williams** stated that he had not been back in the home since August of 2018. The homeowner ran out of funds before the job was complete. **Mr. Williams** thought he was no longer on the permit after it expired. He didn't know that the homeowner called in for an inspection and it reactivated the permit in his name. He only knew because he was notified of an inspection being scheduled on that permit.

After testimony by the **City** and **Mr. Williams**, and questions by the Board, **Ross Appledorn** made a motion as to FINDING OF FACT that Mr. Williams failed to acquire required inspections at the property located at **871 S. 22nd Avenue**. **Ken Neverman** seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Appledorn made a motion that by doing so, Mr. Williams, is *GUILTY* of violating the Columbus Building Code Sections: 4115.01, Inspections required at the property 871 S. 22nd Avenue, Mr. Neverman seconded. MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Appledorn then made a motion that Mr. Williams did not know/understand the rules; therefore the Board will take **NO ACTION** against his license. **Mr. Neverman** seconded. **MOTION CARRIED**

Mr. Wolt made a motion to adjourn. **Mr. Sintic** seconded the motion. Adjourned at 2:30 p.m.