Decora Park Modification Request Process



## Background

- In a Home Owners Association subdivision like Decora Park, the subdivision is governed by bylaws and architectural guidelines.
- These bylaws and guidelines ensure that look and feel of the subdivision remains the same over the years.
- Exterior work which requires a permit must be approved by the HOA before the Village will issue a permit

# What does and doesn't require a mod request?

### DOES:

- Exterior modifications to your house that are more permanent in nature require modification requests. Examples include, but are not limited to:
  - Exterior paint
  - Cement work (patio, walkway, driveway widening)
  - Decks
  - Railings
  - Swimming pools
  - Sheds
  - Fences

### DOESN'T:

- Modifications to the interior of your home does not require any HOA approval
- Sod or grass seed on new built houses do not require a mod request because it's already required that you sod or seed within 12 months of ownership
- Minor landscaping like planting flowers, bushes or trees does not require a mod request

## OK, so we need a mod request – now what?

 The modification request form is a PDF file hosted on DecoraPark.org: <u>click here to download the PDF file</u>

## The Modification Process is 5 easy steps:

- 1. Get all relevant quotes from contractors/companies
- 2. If the modification is governed by Village building codes (shed, decks, fences, etc.) then a Site Survey is required which gives the Board a visual of where the modification is taking place in relation to your house and lot lines
  - a) You can get a Site Survey from the Village: (586) 749-5301
- 3. Fill out the Modification Request PDF file
- 4. Include relevant documents (site survey, pictures, etc.)
- 5. Send the filled out form and documents to board@decorapark.org

## What happens next?

- After the Modification Request is submitted, the Board will review and come to a decision.
- If the Board has any questions, we'll reach back out to you for more information. The more information you include with your modification request, the easier/quicker we can review and decide.
- If approved, the Board will forward the modification request back to Lori Almasy at Kramer Triad and she will have the official approval letter mailed to you.

## Please plan ahead for Mod Requests:

- Generally speaking, if the Mod Request is detailed and there are no questions, the Board can decide on the mod request within 24 hours to a few days.
- <u>E-mail is definitely preferred!</u> If you e-mail the mod request to us, Lori Almasy will be able to e-mail a PDF of your official approval letter directly to you, saving on mail delays.
- If you mail your mod request, it can take at least a full week after the Board approves it for you to receive your official approval letter in the mail.

