

July 14, 2019

To Andrew Keeler

From Tom Holton
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Subject: Variance for driveway at 5281 Brand Road; BZA case

Mr. Keeler, from the outset I must be clear this is not from the Dublin Historical Society. I am the President, but I did not bring this to the board of Trustees for discussion and a vote. But I should point out to the Board of Zoning Appeals that I have been the person in the Society for the recent ten years doing the most work to recover the history of our buildings, sites and historic properties.

I am writing to support the driveway variance you have requested. I appreciate your intention to install a driveway with an authentic historic "look" as you have explained it to me. I understand you have found methods that will have some dust flying authentically with arriving and departing vehicles like "the old days". This will be an appropriate complement to your historic home and ongoing restoration.

I believe we can agree gravel was the precursor to cement or asphalt-type paving materials. Gravel or the simulated material is replaceable as it wears and weathers. While paving is a low-maintenance solution, you know the work involved with gravel and are exploring the cost involved to gain the historic look that adds to the former Count Bower house.

Other gravel driveways and roads in the Dublin area associated with historic sites are

- 6665 Shier-Rings Road, a city-owned building leased to the Golf Club of Dublin course management company
- Dublin Cemetery roads

These three driveways are not cement or asphalt, nor gravel. I have driven slowly by the entrance to the homes on Dublin Road and the appearance leads me to think they may be "epoxy-bonded stone" based on what I can find on the internet. The third driveway, on Bright Road, is one you suggested is similar. From the aerial photos on the City of Dublin GIS ("Dubscovery") system, it is like the two on Dublin Road. They are not loose gravel creating the same authentic look you desire.

- 5680 Dublin Road
- 5876 Dublin Road
- 4158 Bright road

I hope this letter is useful for your BZA case.

Regards,

Tom Holton