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BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES

July 21, 2020

After some technical difficulties, Chairman Scott Garrison called the meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board to order at 7:14 PM. A quorum was declared. HARB had to deviate from the original schedule of applications as log-ins were staggered throughout the meeting.

The following were in attendance via Zoom:

Scott Garrison	Chairman, HARB
Christopher Nash	Vice-Chairman, HARB
Richard Jensen	Member, HARB
Mary Pat McCarthy	Member, HARB
Christy Mobile	Secretary, HARB

Daniel Campbell, architect and newly appointed member, was absent.
Supervisor/Liaison J. Daniel Hill was unable to log on to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 16, 2020 HARB meeting were approved, as written, all in favor.

1001 MEETINGHOUSE ROAD:

Doug Marshall submitted plans to replace the existing standing seam metal porch roof with a standing seam copper one as the paint was chipping off the original. He also proposed to replace the roof caps on all three outbuildings on the property with copper.

Mr. Jensen motioned to approve the application. Mr. Nash seconded the motion; all in favor.

800 BIRMINGHAM ROAD:

Matthew Rocca presented an application for the installation of an additional 12 solar panels to be mounted on the back roof on the barn, below the ridge line, therefore not visible from the road. The initial solar installation was approved in 2017.

Mr. Jensen motioned to approve the application. Mr. Nash seconded the motion; all in favor.

1363 BRINTON RUN DRIVE:

Jakob Speksnijder submitted an application to add 22 solar panels to be mounted on the roof of the main house and atop a new awning. Currently there are 18 solar panels on the garage. Ms. McCarthy suggested an evergreen buffer be planted to make the panels less visible from

both the road and the neighboring property.

Mr. Speksnijder agreed to plant a skip laurel between the swing set and property line.

Mr. Jensen motioned to approve the application provided the buffering skip laurel is planted.

Mr. Nash seconded the motion; all in favor.

Mr. Garrison noted that Daniel Campbell's application to join HARB as an architect was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Garrison intends to revisit the HARB guidelines at the next meeting to approve the use of additional materials in the historic district. Though it was originally slated for tonight's meeting, the members wanted to have Dan Campbell present for such decisions.

All members received emails with registration links for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions' "Forum 2020 Preservation Coast to Coast – at Home" as a resource to provide annual training.

With no further business, Mr. Garrison motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Christy L. Mobile
HARB Secretary