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BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) MINUTES

June 20, 2023

The following were in attendance:

Mary Pat McCarthy	Chairman, HARB
Christopher Nash	Vice-Chairman, HARB
Scott Garrison	Member, HARB
Vincent DiMartini	Building Code Official
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, HARB

The following were absent:

Daniel Campbell, AIA	Member, HARB
Dan Hill	Board of Supervisors

Ms. McCarthy called the meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board to order at 7:00 PM in the Birmingham Township Building. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. DiMartini motioned to approve the March 21, 2023 minutes with no additions or changes. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

Announcements/Training

Two trainings were sent out via email to HARB members:

1. Camp Meetings and Chautauquas - America's 19th Century Back to Nature Movement
 - a. Tuesday, June 6, 2023 @ 7:30 PM at Jenkins Arboretum & Gardens
2. Drawing with Light: A History of Photography (VIRTUAL)
 - a. Tuesday, June 6th, 7:00pm-8:00pm

McKee/Hay/1010 Revolutionary Dr/Exterior Renovation

Mr. McKee and Mr. Hay were present at tonight's meeting requesting approval on an exterior renovation project that includes replacing siding, windows and roofing. They plan to replace the

home's current cedar siding with James Hardie fiber cement siding in Arctic White. The majority of the roof will be replaced with Timberline HDZ GAF shingles in the shade Charcoal while the smaller roofline above the front door and a pitch on the back center will be black standing seam. Half of the windows were replaced around eight years ago, so Mr. McKee and Mr. Hay plan to replace the other half to match the previously approved style.

Mr. Garrison motioned to approve the materials as indicated on the application and presented plans with HardiePlank siding in the color Arctic white, Charcoal shingle roof and black standing seam roof. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

Matyok/1005 Ridley Drive/Window Relocation

The Matyoks were present requesting approval to replace and relocate windows on the rear of their home. They plan to remove their bay window and replace it with one 36" six over six pane. There are two 24" windows that will also be replaced with 36" six over six panes.

Mr. Nash motioned to approve replacing the bay dining room window with one 36" six over six paned window and replacing two 24" windows with 36" six over six panes. Mr. Garrison seconded; all in favor.

Lorenz/1101 Daniel Davis Lane/Shed/Chicken Coop

Mr. Lorenz was present at tonight's meeting requesting to add a 10x16ft. shed, built by Rick's Sheds, to the back of his property along with a chicken coop. HARB members decided to vote on the shed and coop separately.

Shed

For the proposed shed, Mr. Lorenz chose colors that would closely match his home. The materials will consist of cedar shake roof in the color Shakewood, beige siding, black trim and black shutters. The shed itself should barely be visible from the road as it will be behind a tree and screened by newly planted green giants.

Mr. Nash motioned to approve a 10x16ft wooden shed of the same colors as his home consisting of beige siding, black shutters, black trim and black trim and Shakewood cedar shake roof. Mr. Garrison seconded; all in favor.

Chicken Coop

Mr. Lorenz would also like to add a 4'x4' chicken coop and 6'x8' run to his backyard. The color scheme would match the approved shed and his home. Since HARB members cannot recall any prior chicken coop applications, they would like to defer this application to next month's meeting in order to more extensively research HARB rules and regulations. Mr. DiMartini recommended that Mr. Lorenz contact Mr. Gordon, the township's zoning officer, to discuss as well.

Ms. McCarthy motioned to defer Mr. Lorenz's chicken coop application to next month's July meeting. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

McDermott/750 Birmingham Road/Deck

Mr. McDermott was present at tonight's meeting requesting to replace his deck with a composite material. The only change to occur will be expanding and relocating the stairs, which all HARB members complimented. The color of the deck will be brown and the railing will be almond with black spindles.

Mr. Garrison motioned to accept the brown composite decking, almond railing and black spindles. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

There was no public comment.

With no further business, Ms. McCarthy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor. The HARB meeting was adjourned at 7:46PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Urbany, HARB Secretary