

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

DECEMBER 15, 2009

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

The following were in attendance:

Anthony Webb	Chairman, HARB
Scott Garrison	Vice-Chairman, HARB
Pete Davenport	Member, HARB
Elizabeth Lawrence	Member, HARB
Rich Jensen	Member, HARB
Gail Ayers	Secretary, HARB

APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2009 MINUTES

Chairman Webb made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2009 meeting. Motion was seconded and approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRAINING

There were no announcements or training this month.

1172 BIRMINGHAM ROAD – FAIR MEADOW

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Borer, 1175 Birmingham Rd., was present to request approval to install a 7' high deer fence around the perimeter of their property. The property is 28.5 acres. They have a lot of valuable plants that the deer are destroying. The Borers have started building a woodland path through the woods which is all natural, made out of wood chips trying to keep the place as natural as possible.

The deer fence would be a high-strength; weather resistant wire fence-like mesh material constructed of UV stable black polypropylene plastic which is used to keep the deer out without changing the aesthetics of the property. The plan is to also install deer grates for driveway protection.

Discussion ensued as to where the Borers would like the deer fence to be located and what other possibilities there could be. Mr. Borer would like to place the deer fence along side the existing split-rail fence that currently exists in various locations on the property. There is a stream on the property and the fence would not cross the stream. The fence

will not be highly visible if placed along side the split-rail fence. The Borers have a lot of plantings on both sides of the fence to help screen the property from the road and would be willing to plant more if necessary.

Mr. Garrison stated that previously when an application had been presented to the HARB Committee for a deer fence the Board of Supervisors had made the final decision.

Mrs. Lawrence stated she does not particularly like deer fences but does understand the need for them and is also concerned about the aesthetics. Mr. Garrison made a motion to refer the application to the Board of Supervisors for a final decision. The HARB Committee has reviewed the location of the fence and given the purpose for what it is designed for, the height makes sense. HARB does not have an objection but the height of the fence is beyond the scope of the HARB Guidelines. Mr. Lawrence seconded the motion and it was approved by all.

Mr. Jensen offered to red line the plan for the supervisors so they can visualize how the fence will be erected around the stream during their discussion of the application. The application will be on the Board of Supervisors agenda on Monday, December 21, 2009 and the Borers should attend.

1225 BIRMINGHAM RD - LINDEN FARM

Mr. Robert Aiken, 1225 Birmingham Rd. was present to request approval to re-roof the carriage house. The current roof is slate and is approximately 100 years old. It is starting to deteriorate. A sample of the material to be used was shown as well as pictures of the carriage house. The tiles are manufactured with an 80% recycled compound that includes rubber and plastic polymers.

Chairman Webb made a motion to approve the re-roofing of the carriage house with a man-made material with slate appearance in either Federal Gray or Midnight Gray Blend by Ecostar and recommended that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lawrence and approved by all.

With no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Ayers
HARB Secretary