

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

**JANUARY 4, 2011**

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
Elizabeth Lawrence	Member, HARB
Rich Jensen	Member, HARB
Pete Davenport	Member, HARB
Gail Ayers	Secretary, HARB

Tonight's meeting was a special meeting and was duly advertised in the Daily Local News on December 29, 2010.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Garrison made a motion to accept the September 21, 2010 minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jensen and approved by all.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/TRAINING**

There were no announcements or training this month.

**COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Jensen nominated Tony Webb to be Chairman for the coming year. Motion seconded by Mrs. Lawrence. Mrs. Lawrence nominated Mr. Garrison as Vice-Chairman. Motion seconded by Mr. Jensen. Nominations were approved by all. Mrs. Lawrence's term had expired in 2010. She was appointed to serve another five year term to expire the end of 2015.

**1001 COUNTRY CLUB RD**

Simon Barker-Benfield and Nancy Needham, 1001 Country Club Rd. was present to request approval to replace their roof. Photographs were submitted showing the condition of the roof. The work had been started on the roof a couple weeks ago due to a leak. Their contractor said he would take care of obtaining permits but he did not apply prior to starting the work. Mr. Jensen gave permission to have the roof made water tight and then

stop any future work until the homeowner was able to come to the HARB for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

The proposal is to use a dimensional shingle in place of the existing cedar shingle. The homeowner would also like to do some painting around the windows in the same color. A sample of the shingle was shown to the committee. The shingles used are made by CertainTeed and the color is weathered wood.

Mr. Jensen made a motion to approve the application for use of a dimensional shingle as submitted and recommend a Certificate of Appropriateness by approved by the Board of Supervisors. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Lawrence and approved by all.

Mrs. Needham also asked if she had to come back to HARB or needed an additional permit to repair the existing wooden steps off the back deck which are very steep. Mr. Jensen indicated that they would have to be done in the same material and color as the existing ones in order not to have to come back to HARB. The idea is to add an extra step in order for them not to be as steep. There are five steps currently. Mr. Jensen asked if the homeowner would provide us with a photo of the steps. HARB will approve the rebuilding of the steps with an extra riser and will add this info to the Certificate of Appropriateness.

### **1102 DANIEL DAVIS LANE**

Patrick and Mary White, 1102 Daniel Davis Lane, was present to request approval to erect fencing on their property in order to enclose the back yard. There is currently fencing on two sides of the property. The fence will be 3-rail split rail with double dipped black metal mesh on the inside which will go up to the top rail. The rear of the property backs up against the Borer property. Mr. Jensen stated he would like to see the fence and posts line up with the Borer fence for a symmetrical appearance.

The Whites will be contacting a surveyor to be sure the fence is not imposing on the neighbor's property.

Discussion ensued that if in the future the homeowner decided to install a pool that this fence would be sufficient or if they needed to have an additional fence just enclosing the pool. Mr. Jensen indicated this would be sufficient but they would need to have self-locking gates and alarms on any doors that lead out to the pool.

Mrs. Lawrence made a motion that the fence be approved as proposed on the plan with the material submitted. The motion was seconded by Chairman Webb and approved by all. The application will be submitted to the Board of Supervisors with a recommendation to sign a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Garrison discussed some of the ideas/views of the Historic Commission regarding the interaction of the Historic Commission and the Historic Architectural Review Board. There cannot be two different sets of guidelines/recommendation for each Board. That would make it hard on the homeowners. We are still waiting to receive a confirmation of a date for a meeting with the Pennsylvania Historic Commission and the township.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail L. Ayers  
HARB Secretary