

# **Birmingham Township**

## **Chester County**

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### **BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES**

**May 18, 2021**

Chairman Scott Garrison called the Zoom meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was declared.

#### **The following were in attendance via Zoom:**

Scott Garrison	Chairman, HARB
Christopher Nash	Vice-Chairman, HARB
Mary Pat McCarthy	Member, HARB
Daniel Campbell	Member, HARB
Jeff Cantlin	Building Inspector
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, HARB

#### **Not in attendance:**

Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements at tonight's meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Nash made a motion to approve last month's minutes, Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The April, 20 2021 HARB meeting minutes were approved, as written; all in favor.

#### **Kevin and Lisa Parsons – 1045 Squire Cheyney Dr.**

Mr. and Mrs. Parsons attended the zoom meeting requesting approval to install a storage shed and to extend their existing driveway to house three additional cars. The driveway addition will be surrounded by landscape screening, and be situated opposite of the proposed shed. The shed will be an extension of the driveway, and will be set back 25 feet from the property line. It will be situated perpendicular to Birmingham Rd., but will not be visible as there are surrounding trees. Its dimensions will be 10x16 ft. and 160 square feet. The aesthetics will be the same all around the exterior, and the materials will consist of natural cedar shake siding, natural cedar shake roofing on a saltbox roof, copper gutters with gutter chain, two 24" windows with HardiePlank shutters that will match the exterior of their home, in the shade Boothbay Blue, and

be sized to fit at least half the width of the window. It will have a barn door transom, and a copper cupola and weathervane.

Ms. McCarthy motioned to approve the application as shown with materials as listed. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

### **Discuss HARB Boundaries and Overall Guidelines**

At tonight's meeting, Mr. Garrison informed members that Mr. Boorse believes there was a mistake made when the HARB map was redrawn. It was originally written as 300' along Birmingham Rd., but when it was copied, it was for some reason made 500' along the Knolls section. All members agree that the simplest way to rectify would be to shrink the border back down to 300'.

Ms. McCarthy motioned for the supervisors to review and approve the changed map for the Historic District of Birmingham Township. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

### **Review HARB Material List in the Township Code Appendix**

Members reviewed the updated HARB Material List and agreed that all of the discussed changes have been made except for the following points that still need to be updated:

- 5b. Roofing Materials:
  - Remove trade name "GAF Timberline"
  - Change to "Dimensional cut asphalt architectural shingles"
- 7b. Enclosures and fences
  - Add "International Swimming Pool and Spa Code"

Ms. McCarthy motioned that HARB members are recommending approval for the new Design Guidelines for 2021. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

### **Public comment**

There was no public comment.

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Urbany  
HARB Secretary