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

February 21, 2023

ORGANIZE FOR 2023

Mr. Nash motioned to nominate Ms. McCarthy as temporary Chairman for the purpose of nominating a new permanent Chairman for 2023. Mr. DiMartini seconded; all in favor.

Chairman

Mr. Nash motioned to nominate Ms. McCarthy as Chairman. Mr. DiMartini seconded; all in favor.

Vice-Chairman

A HARB Vice-Chairman will be chosen at the next scheduled meeting.

The following were in attendance:

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| Mary Pat McCarthy | Chairman, HARB |
| Daniel Campbell, AIA | Member, HARB |
| Christopher Nash | Member, HARB |
| Vincent DiMartini | Building Code Official |
| Dan Hill | Board of Supervisors |
| Melissa Urbany | Secretary, HARB |

Absent was HARB Member, Dave Shields.

Ms. McCarthy called the meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board to order at 7:01 PM in the Birmingham Township Building. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. McCarthy motioned to approve the August 16, 2022 minutes with no additions or changes. Mr. DiMartini seconded; all in favor.

Announcements/Training

Since the last meeting in August, HARB members were notified via email of the following training opportunities:

Tredyffrin Historic Preservation Trust's Fall 2022 Lecture Series on Wednesday, October 19th.

Chester County Historic Preservation Network hosted their 2022 Fall Workshop on Saturday, November 12th.

Fieldpoint HOA/Replacement Sign

Mr. Kenneth Zrebiec of 687 Highpoint Drive and President of Fieldpoint Homeowners Association was present at tonight's meeting requesting HARB's permission to replace and redesign the existing community sign that is currently in poor condition. The sign's setback and location will remain the same, at the corner of Farmstead Drive and S Birmingham Road, and the dimensions will be 33" wide, 24" high and have a width of 1". It will also be non reflective and have a white background with black letters. The proposed material will consist of carved PVC which is made to replicate the look of wood, a HDU panel, and an aluminum post. The sign itself will be one sided with screw eyes in the top, attaching to the post with chains.

Mr. Campbell gave his architectural input and suggested that the chains be reinforced with black metal straps to hang from either beam with a rivet made to look hand forged, which would make its appearance more historically appropriate. Adding straps would also increase the stability of the chains, making the sign more weatherproof.

HARB members agreed that for appearance and durability purposes, they would prefer that the sign have dual posts vs. a single.

The final suggestion was to keep the proposed sign design and give Fieldpoint HOA the option to choose between dual PVC posts or single with the addition of being reinforced with black metal straps as described above.

Mr. Nash motioned to approve the sign as presented with a single post with the addition of using straps on either side to simulate wrought iron for more security, or a double post as presently used. Mr. DiMartini seconded; all in favor.

With no further business, Mr. Nash motioned to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The HARB meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Urbany, HARB Secretary