

**Historical Commission of Birmingham Township  
Minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Birmingham Township Historical Committee was called to order by Chairman Matt Bedwell at 7:22 pm in the township building.

PRESENT: HC Members: Matt Bedwell, Mike Forbes, Carla Westerman, Kate Marshall

ABSENT: Nancy Needham

Others present: Sean Snyder (owner of 1479 Creek Rd; HR#51)

Mr. Bedwell made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 27, 2016 meeting. Mr. Forbes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Sean Snyder (1479 Creek Road)**

Mr. Snyder was present again at this meeting as he has notified all neighbors within the 500 Ft. radius of his property via USPS return receipt mail as per Zoning Ordinance Section 122-36. All of the neighbors were invited to attend this meeting if they had questions or interest in the scope of his project. No neighbors are in attendance.

Mr. Snyder again reviewed the plans with the HC members in order to answer any potential questions. However, there are no changes from the previous review of these plans at the July 26th Historical Commission meeting. Mr. Bedwell asked if any trees would be removed for this addition. Mr. Snyder indicated that only if it is necessary as PECO will need to install a new transformer during this process.

Some points of discussion through the review of the plans pertained to the matching of the existing stone, type of cedar shake shingles to be used and the way the new addition will be connected to the existing house. The applicant has selected Cherokee Construction as the contractor to perform the work.

Mr. Bedwell made a motion to recommend the BOS approve the plans dated July 20, 2016 as submitted by architect, Josh Allison Architecture for the Snyder residence located at 1479 Creek Rd. He noted that the attention to detail is very much in line with the historic nature of the house. Mr. Forbes seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Reviewed the Checklist/Form for Applicants**

Ms. Westerman provided the changes she made to the checklist form for the committee to review tonight. There was some discussion about the best format to use for this form. Ms. Westerman is going to make the additional changes/revisions that were discussed tonight and then forward to the rest of the group prior to actually using the form for applicants.

**Sub Committee Update**

Mr. Forbes provided no update this month as the subcommittee has not met since our last meeting. However, discussion ensued about the pros and cons of combining HARB and HC. There was additional discussion about potential changes or guidelines to be incorporated into the ordinances in the future.

Mr. Bedwell made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm. Seconded by Mr. Forbes and voted unanimously. The next meeting will be October 25, 2016 at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Boorse  
HC Secretary