

East Bradford Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes July 18, 2023

REGULAR MEETING:

The East Bradford Township Historical Commission held a meeting on July 18, 2023 in the McCardle Meeting Room, 676 Copeland School Road, West Chester. The agenda was posted to the Township website and at the Township Building on July 13, 2023. Copies were available for attendees at the meeting.

Commission Members present: Jean Renshaw, Chair
Tom Russo
Brad Roeder
Steve Novak

Commission Members absent: John Marshall, Vice Chair
Ann Armstrong
Brett McHugh

Staff members in attendance: Andrea Campisi, Director of Planning & Zoning

Others/Citizens/Residents in attendance: Jacquelyn D'Arcy

The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

MEETING MINUTES:

June 20, 2023: Mrs. Renshaw made a motion to recommend approval of the minutes. Mr. Russo seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE/PRESENTATIONS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Allerton Road Metal Bridge Paint Colors

Ms. Campisi said the Board of Supervisors concurred with the Historical Commission that the bridge should be painted green to match the existing color of the bridge.

2. Zoning Code Cheat Sheet

The Commission opted to defer reviewing the cheat sheet as Ms. Campisi noted that in the next few months the first draft of the revised Historic Resource Protection Standards will be presented to the Historical Commission for review.

3. Certified Local Government (CLG) Training

The training is scheduled with Megan McNish of PHMC for October 17, 2023 at 6 pm.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Roof replacement - 1050 Copeland School Road, Tax Parcel #51-3-14.9, Class I, HR# 203

Jacquelyn D'Arcy, the property owner, was present. She explained that the existing cedar roof is leaking, and she proposes to install a new standing seam metal roof in burnished slate, which is a shade of olive green. Ms. D'Arcy said copper gutters will also be installed along with the roof.

Mr. Roeder noted that the survey card for this property indicated that the house previously had asphalt shingles on it. Mrs. Renshaw reviewed the Design Guidelines which recommend against replacing cedar shingles with another material but she noted that the survey card states that the house previously had asphalt shingles. Mr. Roeder noted that a crimped narrow seam is most appropriate and also noted that Ms. D'Arcy should be aware of oil canning which are visible puckers in the metal roof that can occur over time in the heat. Mrs. Renshaw noted that the Design Guidelines also recommend that the seams on metal roofs be no taller than one inch. Mr. Roeder advised that the seams should consist of metal overlapping metal rather than wood.

Mrs. Renshaw made a motion to recommend that the Board of Supervisors approve the application as submitted provided that the standing seams are no more than one inch high. Mr. Russo seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

5. Roof Replacement – 820 Sconnelltown Road, Tax Parcel #51-7-88, Class I, HR# 163

Mr. Novak indicated that he would like to replace the existing cedar shingle roof with dimensional asphalt shingles. Mr. Novak presented a photo of the house from 1994 that shows that the house had asphalt shingles. Mr. Novak added that the other buildings on the property also have asphalt shingle roofs. Mrs. Renshaw said the Design Guidelines state that asphalt shingles were created in 1901 so it is possible that the house, which was constructed in 1910, had asphalt shingles on it when it was built. Mrs. Renshaw stated that the Design Guidelines permit the use of dimensional asphalt shingles.

The Commission members were agreeable to the use of dimensional asphalt shingles in a grey shade. Mr. Novak agreed to present the proposed color at a future Historical Commission meeting.

6. America 250 Celebration

The members discussed this celebration and possible ways that the Township can participate. Mrs. Renshaw will circulate the information that she received to the other members.

OTHER BUSINESS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

MEETING ADJOURNED: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next Historical Commission meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Campisi, Director of Planning & Zoning