

**East Bradford Township
Board of Historical Architectural Review
Hearing Findings and Report
October 6, 2023**

The East Bradford Township Board of Historical Architectural Review (HARB) held a hearing at 9:00 am on October 6, 2023 to hear the application of East Bradford Township for a property at 998 Lenape Road, West Chester, Historic Resource #139 (Tax Parcels 51-7-137.2, 51-7-137.2A). The property is owned by East Bradford Township and is located in the Strode's Mill Historic District.

The hearing was advertised in the Daily Local News on September 29, 2023 as required by the Code of the Township of East Bradford. The meeting agenda and notice were posted to the Township website on October 2, 2023. Copies of the agenda were also made available at the meeting.

ATTENDEES:

HARB members present: Ann Armstrong, Stewart Gross, Tom Russo, Nick Vendetta, Keystone Municipal Services.

HARB members absent: Richard Buchanan

Township Staff present: Rich Phifer, Director of Property and Recreation and Andrea Campisi, Director of Planning & Zoning.

Members of the public: None.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

MINUTES: July 12, 2023

The minutes were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CORRESPONDENCE:

None

PUBLIC HEARING/OLD BUSINESS:

998 Lenape Road, Plum Run Outdoor Heritage Center, East Bradford Township (Tax Parcel Nos. 51-7-137.2A & 51-7-137.2).

The proposal includes the installation of two temporary signs on the property.

Rich Phifer, the Director of Property and Recreation for the Township, presented the proposal as well as photographs of the proposed signs to be installed on the property. He explained that one sign will acknowledge the fact that the project received grant funds from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's (PHMC) Keystone Grant program. This sign will be roughly two feet by three feet and will be installed along Birmingham Road and will be installed on a black wooden post. He explained that this sign must remain up until the project is completed.

Mr. Phifer explained that the second sign will be three feet by five feet and will be installed on two wooden posts and will acknowledge the PHMC grant and the other partners that are involved in funding the restoration effort, primarily the Friends of Strode's Mill. This sign will be installed along the Lenape Road frontage of the property. Mr. Phifer said the Township hopes to have the barn restoration completed by the end of 2024. He explained that once the project is complete, a plaque will be placed on the barn commemorating the project and the funding sources. He noted that the fundraising sign will likely be removed around the same time as the PHMC sign. Mr. Russo asked what color the fundraising sign would be. Mr. Phifer was unsure but said the Friends of Strode's Mill are working with Dan Campbell, the project architect, to design the sign.

Mr. Russo made a motion to recommend approval of the application as proposed. Mrs. Armstrong seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT/CONTINUANCE:

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 am.

NEXT MEETING:

HARB meetings are scheduled as needed. Please refer to the calendar on the Township website for future HARB meeting dates.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Campisi, Director of Planning & Zoning
Secretary