

Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships
Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes – April 10, 2019

The following HARB members were present: Kathy Bandish, David Conroy, Plymouth Township Zoning Officer, Karen Coyne, Tim Ford, Ken Parsons, Alex Pientka, and Jerry Rafter. Also in attendance was Charlie Guttenplan, Whitemarsh Township Director of Planning and Zoning.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE: None.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 13, 2019 – approved.
4. OLD BUSINESS: None.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 2 East Germantown Pike, Whitemarsh Township – HARB acknowledged the emergency repairs being made to the roof. Comment was made that the proposed work on the permit doesn't seem to match what is being done. Due to this building being one of the "foundation buildings" at the main intersection in the District, how repairs are done is critical. Would like to see more information about what is being done and have photographs submitted of existing conditions. Request was made to ask owner to attend next meeting.
 - 94 East Germantown Pike, Whitemarsh Township – Mike Fitzgerald, the owner of the property, was present to explain this building addition proposal. The proposal is for a first floor addition, over the existing patio, for a kitchen, bathroom, and living area. The materials, windows, and paint colors being used will match the existing house. The paint colors on the existing house are already colors on the historical palette of Sherwin Williams. Motion to recommend to the Governing Body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - 101 East Germantown Pike, Whitemarsh Township – Dylan Pywell, the contractor for the owner of the property, presented a proposal to install 12 solar panels on the front face of the roof of the building, which are facing the south side of the property for maximum sun exposure during daylight hours. The panels will be about 4" off of the roof. The Board stated some concerns about landscaping eventually being removed on the front of the property, which could make the solar panels more visible but also noted that this house was built in the 1960's and is a non-contributing building in the District. Motion to recommend to the Governing Body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None.

7. HARB MEMBER COMMENTS: Kathy Bandish mentioned that a property clean-up was taking place at the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society on April 13th. Ken Parsons reiterated the importance of scaled plans being submitted with each HARB application. Alex Pientka stated that the Board should consider updating the Historical District map. Suggestion was also made to begin the process of drafting amendments to Chapter 10 (Historic District) to exempt applications for “new” buildings.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Conroy, Zoning Officer