

Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships
Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2022

The following HARB members were present: Karen Coyne, Ken Parsons, Jerry Rafter, John Von Essen and Robert Sztubinski, Whitemarsh Township Director of Building & Codes. Also in attendance was Kathy Bandish, Plymouth Township Council Liaison.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:33 AM by Mr. Rafter

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Jerry Rafter announced that Jamina Clay will no longer be able to participate in these meetings and has announced her resignation. A replacement member is being sought.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 8th, 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved

4. OLD BUSINESS: 2191 Chemical Road which has been on agenda in past will be discussed again this morning

5. NEW BUSINESS:

- 2191 Chemical Road (PT) – Roofing Shingles Installation .

This property was in extensive disrepair at the time of purchase. The main barn roof needs replacement, as does the roof to an original shed. As noted in the last paragraph below, PHMC requirements have been met and the property owner will proceed with the proposed installation of asphalt shingles to the barn and cedar shingles to the shed.

This property is the former site of the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society. The property was sold to 4006 Associates, LLC fairly recently. The historical society now occupies a single room @ the new owner's discretion.

The property is subject to a historic preservation covenant which is recorded in the deed, and is held and enforced by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). Both interior and exterior improvements, as well as landscaping improvements must be approved by the PHMC. The entire complex is listed on the Register of National Historic Places.

In a June 7, 2022 letter addressed to Michael Carr who is the new owner, the proposed work meets the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The commission is to be contacted should there be any changes to the project.

A motion was made by John Von Essen and seconded by Karen Coyne to approve the roofing projects that have already been approved by the PHMC. All board members present approved this motion.

- 49 E Germantown Pike – Fence Replacement.

There was no representative for this property at the meeting. A post and rail fence which is in poor condition needs to be replaced. The proposed fencing meets HARB guidelines. It was unclear whether the old fencing was to be removed and new fencing placed back-to-back. The plan is to have Bob Sztubinski and Charlie Guttenplan discuss this issue with the owner before proceeding with the new fence installation.

A motion was made by Ken Parsons and seconded by Jerry Rafter to approve the above proposal. All members in attendance approved this motion.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None
7. HARB MEMBER COMMENTS: None
8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Coyne
HARB Member