

Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships
Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes – August 14, 2019

The following HARB members were present: David Conroy, Plymouth Township Zoning Officer, Karen Coyne, Tim Ford, Ken Parsons, Alex Pientka, Jerry Rafter, and Robert Sztubinski, Whitemarsh Township Director of Building & Codes. Also in attendance was Charlie Guttenplan, Whitemarsh Township Director of Planning and Zoning, Laura Boyle Nester, Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors Liaison, and Karen Bramblett, Plymouth Township Council Liaison.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Alex Pientka announced his resignation from the Board since he is now employed in the Whitemarsh Building and Code Dept. Laura Boyle Nester thanked Alex for his great service to the Board; he was a great asset. A Whitemarsh Township appointee, who is a real estate broker, will need to replace him on the Board. Vice Chair Ken Parsons took over the remainder of the meeting.
 - It was announced that an informational webinar will be offered to the Board by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission regarding the Certified Local Government Program on August 26th at 1:00pm.
 - David Conroy gave an update on the parking lot expansion at 2290 Butler Pike. Construction has begun as the existing limekilns on the property have been removed. The Danella Corporation, owners of the property, will put \$30,000.00 into a trust with Preservation Works, Ltd. for preservation of the existing limekilns at the intersection of Germantown Pike and Chemical Road.
 - Announced HARB Training on August 20, 2019, 6:30 PM, 'Defensible Decision-Making' with Cory Kegerise of PA Historic and Museum Commission; as a training session, this is not a public meeting.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 10, 2019 – approved.
4. OLD BUSINESS: Ken Parsons reiterated a previous conversation that the Board has had in the past in regards to the necessity of revising certain HARB guidelines, as well as a possibility of moving future Board meetings to evenings.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 8 East Germantown Pike, Whitemarsh Township – Christine Rafter, representing 8 East Germantown Pike, presented this application for a new sign. The sign will be replacing a panel on an existing wooden, multi-tenant sign. The colors will be colors on the Sherwin Williams historical palette. Motion to recommend the governing body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 6-0.

- Maple Hill Lot 4 (17 Catherine Lane) – Representatives of the property from Luce Architects presented an application, for an informal discussion, for a partial conversion of the second floor of a barn into a dwelling unit. Also, a small addition is proposed on the rear of the barn that is not visible from the street. Hardie planks are proposed for the addition to match the existing structure. The first floor of the barn is proposed to be used as a storage area/garage. The applicant will return to the Board for a formal approval when permits are applied for. Sydelle Zove, from Harts Ridge Road in Whitemarsh, asked about the size of the property and whether the schoolhouse from 3049 Spring Mill Road could be relocated on to the property. David Miller, of Plymouth Friends Meeting, would like the applicant to keep the historical context of the barn in mind during construction.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): Sydelle Zove, from Harts Ridge Road in Whitemarsh, stated that, according to Sal Paone, it would cost approximately \$20,000.00 to relocate the schoolhouse at 3049 Spring Mill Road. David Miller, of Plymouth Friends Meeting, stated that he has investigated the schoolhouse and has observed that the building is structurally sound. He also stated that Wolf Housing & Moving is investigating a relocation of the schoolhouse to the Plymouth Meeting Friends School. Lastly, Mr. Miller would like to see a sign placed in the original location of the schoolhouse.

7. HARB MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Conroy, Zoning Officer