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BIRMINGHAM TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB) MINUTES

October 17, 2023

The following were in attendance:

Mary Pat McCarthy	Chairman, HARB
Christopher Nash	Vice-Chairman, HARB
Scott Garrison	Member, HARB
Daniel Campbell, AIA	Member, HARB
Matt Spellman	Building Code Official
Dan Hill	Member, Board of Supervisors
Melissa Urbany	Secretary, HARB

The following were absent:

Vincent DiMartini	Building Code Official
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Ms. McCarthy called the meeting of the Historical Architectural Review Board to order at 7:00 PM in the Birmingham Township Building. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES JUNE 20, 2023 & AUGUST 15, 2023

Mr. Garrison voted to approve the September HARB minutes. Mr. Nash seconded. Mr. Spellman abstained from voting as he was not present for the meeting. The minutes were approved with four in favor and one abstention.

Mr. Nash motioned to approve the August minutes. Mr. Campbell seconded. Mr. Garrison and Mr. Spellman abstained from voting as they were not present for the meeting. The August minutes were approved with three in favor and two abstentions.

Announcements/Training

HARB members were notified via email on September 25th of a special event/training opportunity on Sunday, November 5th at the Sanderson Museum.

4. Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery/Construction of a free standing pole building

Mr. Richard Moore, VP of the Grounds Committee at Birmingham Lafayette Cemetery, was present tonight to discuss building a 32x36 pole storage building on the property. The cemetery has expanded into a new area for burial, therefore, the storage needs to be updated in order to add equipment and have additional room for maintenance. You cannot see the building from Birmingham Road and it will be free standing. The finishes will match the existing structure on property exactly and be adjacent to it. The exact colors and materials are "patina green" metal siding, "brite white" metal roof, white garage doors, white and green trim, a white man door, no windows, and an approximate height of 18'. They plan to have two exterior lights, one by the man door and one by the garage. Mr. Campbell thinks the white roof is a bit unusual, but Mr. Moore stated the existing building also has a white roof so it will match.

Not HARB related, Mr. Spellman noted they're going to need stamped engineer drawings and also footing detail.

Typically the ordinance does not permit aluminum siding. However, the new structure is adjacent to an existing metal clad building, therefore the preference is for the new structure to match the existing. Mr. Garrison motioned to approve the application with the presented materials including patina green metal siding, brite white metal roof, white garage doors, white and green trim and a white man door. Mr. Nash seconded; all in favor.

Painters House/Rupp/225 Brintons Bridge

Mr. Rogers was present tonight requesting a recommendation for approval to install an exhaust hood on the back side of the building and makeup air inlet to the side. He brought an illustration to show the exact proposed locations. The exhaust hood itself is on the first floor. The makeup air inlet will be through a side window that faces towards Brintons Bridge Road. There will be no visibility of these two items from Faucett Drive. Mr. Rogers said there will also be three separate AC condensing units on the side. Mr. Campbell asked if there are shutters on the windows as shown in the illustration. Mr. Rogers believes so, and Mr. Campbell said if they are currently there, they should stay and be sized to cover the entire window if they were closed. The makeup air inlet window will have a louver or register in the bottom half, and HARB members requested that it be painted to match the window sash and trim.

Mr. Nash motioned to approve the locations of the exhaust hood, makeup air inlet, and the window register being painted to match the window sash and trim. Mr. Garrison seconded; all in favor.

There was no public comment.

With no further business, Mr. Nash motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Garrison seconded; all in favor. The HARB meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Urbany, HARB Secretary

