

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical and Architectural Review
Meeting Minutes of
Monday, May 2, 2016 at 7:45 P.M.

Location: 8230 Old York Road, Elkins Park, 1st Floor, Board Room

Present: Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff, Chairman
Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Emma Trusty
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Member and Director of Planning and Zoning
Ms. Heather Hubert, Planning and Zoning Aide, BHAR Liaison

Absent: Ms. Zilan Munas-Bass, Member
Ms. Linda Foggie, RA, Member

1. Meeting Commencement

Chairman Hinchcliff called the meeting to order at 7:59 P.M.

2. Meeting Minutes

Since a quorum was not present, Chairman Hinchcliff deferred acceptance of the minutes dated February 1, 2016 until the next meeting of the La Mott BHAR on July 21, 2016.

3. *Application L16-165 of Mr. Romaine Tisoit, 1827 Chelsea Road, La Mott, PA 19027*

Mrs. Claudette Tisoit, owner of the property, was on hand to discuss the construction of a new fence at the rear of property. Mr. Sekawungu explained that the fencing being proposed by the applicant does not meet Zoning requirements. He informed Ms. Tisoit that the fence needed to be 50% open with a maximum fence height of 6 feet at the rear of the property. Mr. Hinchcliff suggested a 3 foot solid fence with 3 foot lattice on top to meet zoning requirements.

Application L16-165 of Mr. Romaine Tisoit, for the construction of a new 6' fence at the rear of the property, was informally recommended by the BHAR to the Public Works Committee for approval of the COA, with the following condition: 1) that it be no taller than six (6) feet.

Application L15-140A of Ms. Sophia McCaffrey, 1814 Beech Avenue, La Mott, PA 19027

Mr. and Mrs. McCaffrey, owners of the property were present to discuss their application for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the (re)construction of a shed at the rear of the property. Mr. McCaffrey stated that the two buildings had been demolished and that the structure would be rebuilt in keeping with the architectural style of the existing house. He would be installing Pella windows and using clapboard siding. Mr. McCaffrey reported that he was installing a temporary fence as a deterrent to recent break-ins, at a portion of the rear of his property. Mr.

McCaffrey stated that they had an existing curb cut and assured the BHAR that no vehicles would be parked in the driveway area but rather he would use it in the future to load and unload his tools which are to be stored in the new shed. He planned on installing sliding gates in the fence at the Cedar Lane frontage of his property at a later date.

Application L15-140A for the construction of a new 18'x20' clapboard shed at the rear of the property was informally recommended by the BHAR.

4. Old Business - None

5. New Business

Staff informed the BHAR that in the future the BHAR meetings will change to the 3rd Thursday of every month and meet at a new start time of 6:30 p.m. As part of the Certified Local Government requirements, there will be a workshop on June 6, 2016 at All Hallows Church in Wyncote that will begin at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be jointly hosted by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and the Fairmount Park Conservancy. Ms. Lucy Stackhouse, Senior Director of Preservation and Project Management at the Conservancy will be one of the presenters of the workshop on maintaining windows in a historic home. Mr. Sekawungu advised the group that there will be additional workshops for BHAR members in the fall.

6. Adjournment

Chairman Hinchcliff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:22 P.M.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

As per Patricia Gee
Secretary, Planning and Zoning