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La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham Board of Historical and Architectural Review Meeting Minutes of Thursday, August 15 at 6:30 P.M.

Location: Township Administration Building Boardroom, 8230 Old York Rd., Elkins Park, PA

Present Ms. Zilan Munas-Bass, Member

Ms. Linda Foggie, Member Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Member

Absent: Ms. Emma Trusty, Member

Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff, Chairman Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice Chairperson

1. Meeting Commencement

Ms. Foggie called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

2. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting were informally accepted by those in attendance.

3. Application L19-231 of Howard Norward & Beverly Johnson-Norward for the property located at 1822 Graham Lane, La Mott, PA.

Mr. Norward and Ms. Johnson-Norward, owners of the property, were present to discuss their application to install a new 6' high solid vinyl fence on the property.

Mr. Sekawungu stated that a 6' high, solid fence would be permitted by the Zoning Code in the rear of the property, and that a 4' high, 50% open fence was required in the front and side yards.

Mr. Norward explained that he and his wife have concerns about the security of their property, and would like to have a 6' high fence in all permitted areas. He stated that there had been a 6' high, solid wood fence around the entire property until a few months ago when it was damaged by a fallen tree and had to be removed.

Discussion ensued regarding fence materials and compliance with the Township Zoning Code. The applicant was informed that the fence was non-conforming and unless it was being replaced in-kind, it would have to adhere to the Township Zoning Code requirements.

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Application L19-231, of Howard Norward and Beverly Johnson-Norward, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the in-kind replacement of a 6' high, solid wood fence, or a 4' high, 50% open vinyl fence on the property located at 1822 Graham Lane, La Mott, PA, was recommended to the Public Works Committee for approval as presented.

4. Old Business

Mr. Lawrence Morency, Application L18-212, for 1911 Willow Avenue, LA Mott, PA, was in attendance to discuss his 2018 application to install a new stone facade on his property.

Staff informed the BHAR that Mr. Morency had been before them previously at the August, 2018 meeting. At that time, Mr. Morency had a number of outstanding building permits that the BHAR determined needed to be closed prior to issuing any COAs for new work: Mr. Morency has fulfilled these requiements, and the property is now in compliance with the Township Code.

Therefore, the La Mott BHAR voted to recommend that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued to replace the existing CMU facade on the property with "Stonecraft" brand Pennsylvania Ledgestone as presented.

5. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

6. Adjournment

Ms. Foggie adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.

Bryan T. Havir Township Manager

Per Heather Hubert