

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical and Architectural Review
Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, October 17, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Present Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff, Chairman
Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Emma Trusty, Member
Ms. Linda Foggie, Member
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Member

Absent: Ms. Zilan Munas-Bass, Member

1. Meeting Commencement

Mr. Hinchcliff called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

2. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the September 19, 2019 meeting were informally accepted by those in attendance.

3. *Application L19-238 of Jacobs Telecommunications, for the property located at 7300 Butcher Street, La Mott, PA.*

Ms. Nicole Morse, representative of Jacobs Telecommunications, was in attendance to discuss the application to upgrade the existing equipment on the Butcher Street Water Tower.

Ms. Morse outlined the work that would be performed involving antenna and cabinet modifications at the site.

Mr. Sekawungu stated that this project had already been reviewed by the Building & Zoning Committee for its required Section 106 review. He informed the BHAR that per that meeting, any modifications that the applicant would make to the antennas on the Tower should be painted to match its existing "sky blue" color, and that any displaced landscaping should be replaced by them.

Application L19-238, of Jacobs Telecommunications, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of three (3) antennas on the water tower and six (6) remote radio heads at

ground level on the property located at 7300 Butcher Street, La Mott, PA, was recommended to the Public Works Committee for approval as presented.

4. *Application L19-239 of Harold Lichtman, for the property located at 7320 Old York Road, La Mott, PA.*

Mr. Lichtman, registered architect, was present to discuss the application to construct an addition to the property.

Mr. Lichtman explained that the owner intended to install a one-story, 6,000 square foot addition at the north side of the property. He added that the new addition would have an entrance on Old York Road.

Ms. Foggie asked Mr. Lichtman to clarify what building materials would be used on the exterior of the addition: Mr. Lichtman responded that the building would have 4' high decorative CMU block around the base and metal panel walls. He stated that the metal panels would be 1" thick, with 4' wide x 18' long dimensions, and that all fasteners would be hidden, and the joints between the panels would be caulked.

Ms. Foggie stated that she thought that the scale of the metal panels would be too large in comparison with the existing masonry facade on the building, and inquired whether or not Mr. Lichtman would consider using a textural panel to offset that difference. Mr. Lichtman responded that he believed a textured panel would become soiled very quickly and would be hard to maintain.

Application L19-239, of Harold Lichtman, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the construction of a new, one-story, 6,000 square foot addition with a 4' high decorative masonry base, metal panel walls, and a standing-seam metal roof, to be located at the north side of the existing building on the property located at 7320 Old York Road, La Mott, PA, was recommended to the Public Works Committee for approval as presented.

5. *Application L19-230 of Gustavo Sagatsume, for the property located at 1919 Willow Avenue, La Mott, PA.*

Mr. Sagatsume, owner of the property, was in attendance to discuss his application to make exterior renovations on the property.

Staff noted that the applicant had already begun part of the renovations, and that the Township Building Inspector had issued a stop work order due to a lack of permits being issued for the work.

Mr. Sagatsume stated that he intended to replace the siding, windows, and roof on the property, and that he intended to construct a small addition at the rear of the home to replace one he had demolished.

Discussion ensued regarding building materials and methods of construction.

Application L19-230, of Gustavo Sagatsume, for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a new roof, windows, and siding on the property located at 1919 Willow Avenue, La Mott, PA, was tabled pending further information.

6. Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

7. New Business

There was no new business to discuss.

8. Adjournment

Chairman Hinchcliff adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.



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Township Manager
Per Heather Hubert