

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham  
**Board of Historical and Architectural Review**  
Meeting Minutes of  
Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

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

Present: Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice-Chairperson  
Ms. Emma Trusty, Member  
Ms. Linda Foggie, Member  
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Member

Absent: Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff, Chairman  
Ms. Zilan Munas-Bass, Member

**1. Meeting Commencement.**

Vice-Chairperson Melton called the meeting to order at 6:38 P.M. It was noted that there was no official quorum of voting members present.

**2. Meeting Minutes.**

Since a quorum was not present, acceptance of the minutes of the September 20, 2018 meeting was postponed until the next meeting of the La Mott BHAR.

**3. Old Business.**

There was no old business to discuss.

**4. New Business.**

Mr. Sekawungu offered a summary of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Code to provide for the installation of wireless communication facilities within the Historic Districts of the Township by special exception only.

He explained that currently, the Township ordinance limits the placement of Distributed Antenna Systems (DAS) to the Light Industrial (LI) zoning districts. He informed the BHAR that new Pennsylvania laws will supersede this law and allow the utility companies to locate the DAS wherever they deem necessary.

He stated that the proposed amendment would regulate placement of DAS in Cheltenham's Historic Districts by special exception, and a staff recommendation that the utility companies be subject to BHAR review.

Ms. Foggie stated that she was familiar with these systems, also known as “cell boosters”, and that they were very commonly used inside commercial buildings.

Vice-Chairperson Melton added that she believed that there are state laws in effect that require the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to review the placement of these systems prior to installation in Historic Districts.

Staff reminded the BHAR of an “Introduction to Zoning” workshop planned for November 15, 2018, at Curtis Hall. This workshop would be moderated by Ms. Ameer Farrell, the Chairperson of the Cheltenham Township Zoning Hearing Board.

Staff provided the BHAR members with information about upcoming PHMC seminars. The BHAR members were encouraged to attend a December 6, 2018 webinar regarding Section 106 reviews.

**5. Adjournment.**

Vice-Chairperson Melton adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.



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Bryan T. Havar  
Township Manager

Per Heather Hubert