

Wyncote Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical and Architectural Review
Meeting Minutes of
Thursday, July 16, 2020

Location: Video Web Conference Call
Present: Mr. Peter Wieck, Chairman
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Member
Absent: Mr. Michael Shapiro, Chairman
Mr. Clive Copping, Member
Mr. Geoff Garlow, Member

1. Mr. Wieck called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. He noted a quorum was not present and the Committee would make an informal recommendation on the application being reviewed.
2. The minutes of the June 18, 2020 meeting were informally accepted by those present.
3. Old Business – None.
4. New Business

- A. Application W20-251 of Michael Messina and Emilie B. Haertsch, for 112 Webster Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095 for the construction of a 4' high wooden split rail fence with wire mesh, in the rear of their property.

Both applicants were in attendance to discuss their application which was for the installation of a standard four (4) foot high wooden split rail fence with wire meshing in the rear of their property. They discussed the intent of the fence, which is to keep the dog secure and also discussed the option of a six foot fence which would be permitted by right. Due to the cost increase, the applicants opted to stay with the 4' high fence.

Application W20-251 of Michael Messina and Emilie B. Haertsch owner of 112 Webster Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095 for the construction of a 4' high wooden split rail fence with wire mesh, in the rear of their property, was recommended to the Public Works Committee for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) as presented.

- B. Prospective home buyers Ashley Smith and Jack Holten attended the meeting to seek guidance from the BHAR regarding a number of maintenance issues associated with the proposed purchase of a 1910 circa property on Bent Road, in Wyncote, PA, for which they had just signed an Agreement of Sale. Discussion included:
 - Repair versus replacement of the existing stucco and options to use synthetic stucco, stucco flex, clapboard, cedar shake or shiplap siding.
 - Repair versus replacement of the slate roof and use of stainless nails for the repairs/renailing instead of cooper nails.
 - Additional assessment based on the age of the house in relation to other houses on the block.

The prospective homebuyers were very appreciative of the recommendations provided by Mr. Wieck, and in addition, staff also recommended that they would establish if there was a cultural resource survey performed on the property and forward that information to them.

5. Mr. Wieck adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.



Terry Fedorchak
Interim Township Manager

Per Sue Drucker