

Wyncote Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical and Architectural Review
Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 7:15 PM

Location: Video Web Conference Call

Present: Mr. Clive Copping, Member
Mr. Geoff Garlow, Member
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Staff

Absent: Mr. Peter Wieck, Chairman
Mr. Thomas Cinaglia, Member
Mr. Michael Shapiro, Member

1. Mr. Copping called the meeting to order at 7:24 P.M. A quorum was not present.
2. Mr. Copping made a motion to hold off on review and acceptance of the minutes and the reorganization until the next meeting due to a quorum not being present.
3. *Application W21-263 of Applicants Ann Adalist-Estrin, property owner of 100 Webster Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the demolition of an existing detached garage that is partially collapsed.*

Ms. Adalist-Estrin shared that the garage partially collapsed five years ago and it will be demoed to concrete slab and area of driveway will be repaved.

Mr. Copping stated that the house was listed as a contributing building in the Historic District as part of its establishment and as such, this was part of the historic fabric of the District and they needed to be careful not to set a precedent. He recommended that the owner record thoroughly what was left of the structure, including pictures of the exterior and interior, the size of the garage, and any pertinent measurements. This would be a kind of a memorandum of agreement.

Mr. Garlow raised similar concerns about the building being left in this deteriorated state for this long. Ms. Adalist-Estrin said that upon purchase in 1998 the garage structure was already leaning and was propped up inside. They used it on a temporary basis, but due to a storm, it led to a partial collapse and then COVID-19 and other health issues, and the condition got worse.

Mr. Sekawungu let the members know that this would be before the Historical Commission on November 18, 2021, and they may also inspect to determine what could be recorded or salvaged and the violation would be stayed until the recordation and reviews were completed.

Upon motion of Mr. Copping, the Wyncote BHAR members present recommended tabling of this application until the recordation was completed and reviewed for approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness.

4. Old Business – None.
5. New Business
 - A. The Committee was updated about the in-kind asphalt shingle roof replacements at 100 Woodland Road and 158 Hilltop Lane and that neither required a Certificate of Appropriateness.
6. There being no further business, Mr. Copping adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

Per Henry Sekawungu