

**Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2011**

The meeting of the Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:30 pm in the Mountainville Meeting Hall by Commissioner Beveridge. The members of the Commission present were Cyril Beveridge, Janet Clark, Rosemary Hartten, Karen Moriarty, Mary Elizabeth Young and Ruth Melchiorre. Randy Benson, the Secretary, and Dennis Bertland, the Historic Consultant, were also in attendance. Based on the members present, a quorum was established.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Vice Chairman Beveridge read the opening statement that the Commission meeting being held that evening was in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey, and indicated where notices for that meeting were posted.

Minutes

The minutes of June 27, 2011 were approved with corrections. On page 4 in the first paragraph on line one, change the word “they” to “it”. On line two change “before they come in with a formal application” to “rather than the application”. On line seven add the word “Commission” before the word “with”. On page 3 on line twelve, change the word “reveal” to the word “exposure”. On page 2 on line nine change the word “of” to the word “with”. The next to last line will be amended to state “board and batten exterior which the connecting section of the addition will be inset on the east elevation.” A motion was made by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the minutes with the corrections. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Correspondence

Claims

The following claims were submitted for payment:
Dennis Bertland Associates – Invoice #11-70-1.4 for attendance at the 5/23/11 and 6/27/11 meetings and review of applications. \$360.00

On a motion by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Young, the claim was approved as submitted. The following Commissioners voted in favor of the motion: Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Resolutions

The Commission considered Resolution 2011-09 for Margaret Shantz. A motion was made by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the resolution as submitted. The six Commissioners eligible, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre, voted in favor of the resolution.

The Commission considered Resolution 2011-10 for Brian and Michelle Regan. A motion was made by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the resolution as submitted. The six Commissioners eligible, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre, voted in favor of the resolution.

The Commission considered Resolution 2011-11 for Samuel and Judith Glasgow. A motion was made Commissioner Melchiorre seconded by Commissioner Clark to approval the motion with one correction. Under Findings of Fact, under line c. change the word “getting” to the word “receiving. The six Commissioners eligible, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

The Commission considered Resolution 2011-12 for the Zion Lutheran Church. A motion was made by Commissioner Melchiorre seconded by Commissioner Clark to approve the resolution as submitted. The six Commissioners eligible, Commissioner Beveridge, Commissioner Clark, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Applications

Application 11-13 Fredrick Root
Block 41, Lot 6– 10 Joliet Street, Oldwick

Fredrick Root was present and sworn in. Mr. Root stated he wanted to remove two trees on his property and also repair his driveway and install Belgian block from the apron to the point where the driveway levels off by the house. The trees in question were dying and large branches have been breaking off. Tamke Tree Experts provided a letter stating the condition of the trees and that they are a hazard and should be removed. The Commission questioned what type of trees Mr. Root would be planting to replace the trees. Mr. Root said he had planted some ornamental trees on the property and did not intend to plant any more unless the Commission required it. The Commission felt the trees that had been planted were adequate. The Commission discussed the proposed Belgian block driveway. Mr. Root stated the Germantown Cemetery had a Belgian block apron and there are some homes that have Belgian block for some of the driveways. The reason Mr. Root wanted to put in a hard surface is because every time it rains the current stone driveway washes out into the street. Commissioner Beveridge stated most homes that have some Belgian block are newer homes with big driveways. He was not aware of any driveways in Oldwick that had Belgian block. Mr. Root said the Belgian block he

wants to use is similar to the Belgian block that is found in Philadelphia's historic Germantown Avenue. The block Mr. Root wants to use is used block and will blend in and not stand out like new block. Debra Smith, a neighbor on Joliet Street, said she is in favor of Mr. Root installing the Belgian block on his property. Mr. Root also had a petition signed by fifteen neighbors stating they are in favor of the project. Dennis Bertland stated the Commission should consider use of Belgian block could be acceptable in a particular situation and would not necessarily be a precedent. Commissioner Beveridge suggested the Tar and Chip process on the driveway. Mr. Root said he did not like it because it does not last and the snow plows will rip it up. Mr. Root said the Belgian block will also be made into a swale at the bottom of the driveway to capture water coming down the driveway and the street. A motion was made by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Moriarty to approve the tree removal. The Belgian block project would wait until a site walk is conducted. Six of the Commissioners present voted in favor of the tree removal. The secretary was authorized to organize a site visit to address the issue of the Belgian block.

Miscellaneous

Public Participation

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Beveridge and seconded by Commissioner Clark to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken and all of the Commission members present voted in favor of adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Randall Benson
Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission