

Conrad Dennis, Contractor, appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in by Mr. Bertland. Mr. Dennis explained that the owners were seeking the following modifications: (1) replace the existing picket fencing with picket fence resembling that depicted in the photograph submitted with the application; (2) replace the existing modern porch railing of one of the same height as the existing (24 inches) but with turned balusters as per the submitted example (20 inches high spaced 3 inches on center) instead of the existing square spindles; and (3) replace the modern wooden porch decking with PVC product (Aeratis example submitted) that resembles tongue and groove boards, but is slightly thicker than the existing decking. Mr. Bertland noted that the fence and porch proposed appear more historically appropriate than what exists currently. Mrs. Clark made a motion to approve the modified application (the porch decking was not included in the application material) to include replacing the modern mahogany porch decking with the Aeratis tongue and groove boards ¾ inches wide. Mr. Likus seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mrs. Clark, Mr. Likus, Mrs. Hartten and Ms. Melchiorre

Those Opposed: None

TREE REMOVAL REQUEST

- Zion Lutheran Church – Block 23, Lot 41

Harold Wrede, appeared on behalf of the applicant and was sworn in by Mr. Bertland. He presented to the board the church's plan to remove trees on its property along the line between the graveyard and the "Magic Shop" He noted that recently a tree fell and did not damage any of the headstones but did damage the neighboring shed and fence on the Wilmerding property. He explained the trees to be removed include a large diseased ash tree, and a number of overgrown ailanthus trees, as well as a diseased dogwood near the NW corner of the church. The church plans to replant the dogwood tree. When asked if the trees are definitely on the church property and not the Magic Shop property, Mr. Wrede responded in the positive. Mrs. Clark made a motion to approve the proposed tree removal as presented and Ms. Melchiorre seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote:

Those in Favor: Mrs. Clark, Mr. Likus, Mrs. Hartten & Ms. Melchiorre

Those Opposed: None

CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter dated April 27, 2016 from the NJ Historic Preservation Office re: Certified Local Government grant application not selected for funding. **Tabled from May meeting.**

Mr. Bertland noted that the State Historic Preservation Office denied the grant application. He explained that they had 11 applications for almost \$250,000 in grant assistance and they have \$95,000 to allocate; only four (4) projects were selected. They had one criticism of Tewksbury's application citing that the application did not sufficiently detail what the municipality would do with the information in the survey and how it would benefit the public. Mr. Bertland opined that he made it very clear in the material what the township would use the information for and opined that the State needed to justify its rejection of the grant application. He concluded that the State has encouraged the Commission to reapply. Mr. Bertland offered to help the Commission reapply for next year at no cost.

COMMISSION DISCUSSION ITEM

- Discuss topics for NJHPO training session for Commission Members **Tabled from May meeting**

As for Commission member training, Mr. Bertland spoke to Jonathan Kinney at the State who agreed to get back to him. Mr. Kinney suggested having the Commission decide what they would like to be trained in/for and perhaps offer a workshop and invite other local Historic Preservation Commissions to join the training.

Commission discussed the possibility of hosting a Historic Commissioner training session in Tewksbury, but reached no conclusion regarding the training session content. The Commission will consider the same at its next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. by motion of Mrs. Clark and seconded by Mr. Likus. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Shana L. Goodchild
Land Use Administrator