

**Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2012**

The meeting of the Tewksbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was called to order at 7:40 pm in the Mountainville Meeting Hall by Commissioner Moriarty. The members of the Commission present were Karen Moriarty, Glenn Likus, Rosemary Hartten, Mary Elizabeth Young and Ruth Melchiorre. Randy Benson, the Secretary, was also in attendance. Based on the members present, a quorum was established.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

Commissioner Moriarty 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 March 26, 2012 were approved by motion of Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the minutes with one correction. On page 1 in the opening paragraph add Commissioner Moriarty and Commissioner Melchiorre to the members that were present. The motion carried by the following roll call: Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Likus, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Claims

The following claim was submitted for payment:
Dennis Bertland Associates – Invoice #12-70-1.3 for attendance at the 3/26/12 meeting
and review of applications. \$190.00

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

Resolutions

The Commission considered Resolution 2012-03 Stephen and Rose Sandra Roth. A motion was made by Commissioner Young seconded by Commissioner Melchiorre to approve the resolution as submitted. The motion carried by the following roll call: Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Likus, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre.

Applications

Application 12-04 Fred Root
Block 41, Lot 6 – 10 Joliet Street, Oldwick

Fred Root was present and sworn in. Mr. Root said he was seeking approval for a fence that he had installed without permits. Mr. Root is also seeking approval for lights that were installed at the end of his driveway without any permits. Mr. Root stated he did not know he needed a permit for the fence because the ordinance did not state he needed a permit. Secretary Benson stated Mr. Root had been looking at an old version of the fence ordinance which has since been amended to state specifically one is required to get a permit for a fence. The new fence was shown in the pictures provided. The fence is five feet tall. The first four feet are tongue and groove boards and the top one foot is lattice. There is a top board the holds the lattice in place. The fence is now painted white on both sides. Jocelyn Blanc, the owner of the property next door who's property line the fence is on, came before the Commission. Ms. Blanc stated the fence blocks the lower half of her first story windows and is preventing sunlight from coming in. Mrs. Blanc said her house is only two feet from the property line and she thought that Mr. Root would not install the fence so it would not block her windows. Mr. Root said that he had put the lattice in the top foot of the fence so that it would not impede the sunlight and not feel like a solid wall. He also painted the fence white to soften the look of it. Ms. Blanc also stated she believed the back side of the fence was facing her property which was not in compliance with the ordinance. Mr. Root said the fence had two finished sides so there was no backside. Commissioner Likus agreed with Mr. Root. The Commission discussed the fence and the proximity to the house. Mr. Root said he also was looking for approval for the carriage lights at the end of his driveway. He had the light install while his driveway was being redone. He had received a notice of violation from the Construction Office and was seeking approval from the Commission in order to keep the lights. Mr. Root stated they were period type carriage lights. The Commission discussed the fence and that they would like input from Dennis Bertland about the fence and if it is in keeping in character with the structures on the property and the Oldwick Historic District. The Commission did not really have an issue with the lights. The Commission decided to continue the portion of the application on the fence and vote on the lights now. A motion was made by Commissioner Likus seconded by Commissioner Young to approve just the carriage light portion of the application as submitted. Of the five Commissioners present, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Likus, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre voted in favor of the portion of the application for just the lights.

Application 12-05 Francis Fawn Hildreth
Block 23, Lot 39 – 12 Church Street, Oldwick

Francis Hildreth was present and sworn in. Ms. Hildreth stated she had previously received approval to move her driveway to its current location. She would now like to move the driveway back to its original location but much smaller in size than the previous driveway. The square footage of the new driveway will be no more than the existing driveway. The new driveway will be wide enough for two cars to park side by side and long enough for one vehicle. The stone from the existing drive will be removed

and placed where the new driveway will be. The area of the existing drive will be gardens and new lawn area. A motion was made by Commissioner Melchiorre seconded by Commissioner Likus to approve the application as submitted. Of the five Commissioners present, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Likus, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre voted in favor of the application.

Application 12-06 Frederick Root
Block 41, Lot 6 – 10 Joliet Street, Oldwick &
Stephen and Margaret Griggs
Block 41, Lot 7 – 8 Joliet Street, Oldwick

Frederick Root and Stephen and Margaret Griggs were present and sworn in. The two property owners would like approval to replace a fence that is along the property line between the two properties. The existing fence is deteriorated and cannot be repaired. The new fence will be a six foot tall tongue and groove fence with two by four rails on top and bottom on both sides. The will also be a rail at the five foot height. The posts will have pointed caps. The fence will replace the fence starting from approximately the rear of the two houses to the rear property corners where the properties meet. The new fence will be placed as shown on the surveys by the two property owners. A motion was made by Commissioner Melchiorre seconded by Commissioner Likus to approve the application as submitted. Of the five Commissioners present, Commissioner Moriarty, Commissioner Hartten, Commissioner Likus, Commissioner Young and Commissioner Melchiorre voted in favor of the application.

Correspondence

The Commission discussed the April 17, 2012 letter sent to the Township Committee and the Township Committee meeting on April 23, 2012. Commissioner Hartten stated she had attended the Township Committee meeting and the Township Committee did not want to take any action on the recommendations of the Historic Commission.

Public Participation

Miscellaneous

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, a motion was made by Commissioner Melchiorre and seconded by Commissioner Hartten 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 9:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Randall Benson
Secretary, Historic Preservation Commission