

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH**

MEETING MINUTES

April 11, 2017 8:30 a.m.

236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823

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CALL TO ORDER:

The regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order by Chairman Sam McGinley in the Council Room, Bellefonte Borough Municipal Building at 8:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sam McGinley
Mack Mahan
Pat Long
Megan Tooker
Walt Schneider
Maria Day, Alternate

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Robert Lingenfelter
Alan Uhler

OFFICIALS PRESENT:

STAFF MEMBERS Ralph Stewart

ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA: Old House Fair is not the 17th and 19th at the Match Factory. It is the 28th and 29th.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Long moved to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2017 HARB Meeting as amended; Mr. Schneider seconded the motion; Motion carried.

PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

126-128 North Spring Street Front Doors (Matthew Nelson)

This is a two-story property requesting doors be changed out. They are steel doors with no design that are rusting out. Owner was going to come to meeting. He is not present at this time. No paperwork was provided on this project. The owner is looking for guidance.

**Mr. Schneider moved to table this project;
Mr. Mahan seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

430 North Allegheny Street Porch Railing (Mike Campbell)

Property owner could not make the meeting. Code inspector deemed railing non-compliant. The railing is too low and spindles too far apart. This is a rental. The owner would like to bring the railing up to code. Back and front railings were compared. Owner is looking for direction and does not have a particular preference. Owner submitted a spindle sample to be considered. Dimensions were discussed.

**Mr. Schneider moved to approve a railing to match the railing on the existing rear porch with the dimensions extended to match current Code requirements.
Mr. Mahan seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

Motion was rescinded.

**Mr. Schneider moved to table this project;
Ms. Long seconded the motion;
Motion carried.**

Improvements were discussed on the railing, i.e. polycarbonate panels. A cable system could also be used. Ms. Long indicated that this does not seem like a good design solution and this needs to be refigured. Would like to see something that mimics what the top of the railing looks like. Extending the spindles is not the preferred solution.

A copy of the code evaluation was requested by HARB.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL: None.

OLD BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Ms. Long requested information on the Phoenix Avenue construction. Mr. Stewart explained that there is a commercial building going in per prior approval of a land development plan. PennDOT has been contacted relative to the intersection. Mr. Schneider indicated that PennDOT has changed their way of doing things, i.e. financial funding. Mr. Stewart talked about the railroad crossing and the intersection with Stoney Batter. The building being out of character is a concern for HARB. The plan was previously reviewed by HARB. HFL is doing this work. Mr. Stewart will check into the review and approval of this plan. HARB does not recall approving this plan. Application for zoning permit has been received by the Borough. Any HARB certificate expires after a year.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB

Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn the HARB meeting.

Ms. Long seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:52 a.m.