

**HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
August 25, 2015**

**Present:** Sam McGinley, Tamara Schuster, Megan Tooker, Pat Long, Alan Uhler,  
Robert Lingenfelter, Walt Schneider,

**Absent:**

**Staff Present:** Vana Dainty,

**Guests:** Nancy O. Miller; Don Holderman; Steve Heverly

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**Call to Order:**

- S. McGinley called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM.

**Additions/Corrections to the Agenda:**

- Addition of 169 East Linn Street

**Declaration of Conflict of Interest:**

- None.

**Declaration of Ex Parte Communication:**

Walt Schneider stated he had been in a staff meeting on the freight building representing Centre Region Codes.

**Approval of Minutes:** P. Long made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of August 11, 2015.

A. Uhler seconded the motion. A voice vote was unanimous to accept the minutes as presented.

**Project Review and Public Comments:**

**Project Review #1**

**Freight Building**

**Represented by:** Don Holderman

**Description of Proposed Work:** Move freight building from current location to Talleyrand Park

**HARB Discussion:** At the current location the Freight building is very close to the flood plain. The IDA currently owns the structure and BHCA would like to move the building to Talleyrand park. Mr. Holderman explained the building will sit 180 degrees from the way it currently sits; he explained this will keep it out of the flood plan. If it is a private entity when it moves there is no permitting, but the Borough would be required to do all the permitting. Mr. Holderman stated there is a strong commitment from the person providing the money to move the building to make this work.

**HARB Recommendation:** T. Schuster made a motion to approve as presented. W. Schneider seconded the motion. HARB members approved the motion for recommendation to Borough Council at their meeting of September 7, 2015.

Mr. Holderman informed HARB that with the CDBG money from next year the brick walkway will be extended in front of it. The fence that was designed for the other part of the park will be installed also. The railroad is expecting more rail traffic over the next few years.

## **Project Review #2**

### **169 East Linn Street**

**Represented by:** Vana Dainty

**Description of Proposed Work:** Paint trim

**HARB Discussion:** The homeowner will be using Olympic Paint Rain Barrel (brown) color for her trim. It was approved from the last meeting Ms. Dainty presented the color, warm mahogany, the homeowner would like to paint her doors.

**HARB Recommendation:** A. Uhler made a motion to approve as presented. W. Schneider seconded the motion. HARB members approved the motion for recommendation to Borough Council at their meeting of September 7, 2015.

### **Administrative Approval:**

- 113 West Bishop Street - Painting building in like colors. Ms. Dainty checked the file and found the paint colors that were used the last time.

- 106 Spring Street - Wetzler Funeral Home porch - doing the same as the Howard Street porch. The half-round gutter is being installed.

### **Information/Discussion Items:**

- Signage for Waterfront (Plaques with history of Silk Mill, etc.) - Don Holderman addressed HARB as the Secretary of the Bellefonte Industrial Development Authority. He is requesting assistance from several members of HARB. During the process of getting the permits, especially the Army Corps Pennsylvania State Programmatic General Permit, there was an agreement between the Army Corps of Engineers and the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Officer. Part of that had to do with the signage for the project.

The Corps is to insure the following stipulations are implemented:

- The Bellefonte Area IDA develop/coordinate the placement of, instruct and install a series of three interpretative informational signage panels. The signs shall be constructed to be waterproof. The potential location of the interpretative signs is on particular areas of the surface of the constructed retaining wall that will be adjacent to the walking path paralleling Spring Creek, the insert areas. The IDA is to involve local citizenry and historical related interest groups in the selection of the text and final layout and format of the signage. The informational panels will include a minimum information regarding the Historic District, including photos and links to additional online resources.

Mr. Holderman would like someone from HARB to spearhead this on behalf of the IDA. They would need to have people from other organizations such as BHCA and the other local interest groups and anyone else that has a strong interest in this. They would also need to come to a periodic IDA meeting and provide an update. There are 24 months before it must be completed. It is anticipated that the project will be finished by next May. Once the group comes up with a design and what the sign says it must go to PHMC for approval.

Mr. Schneider likes what Brookville did and could see that being done throughout the entire Borough. His concern with what the Corps is saying is that signage will be put on a wall. He feels the signage would do better along the bridge on High Street or the sidewalk on Water Street so people could see what was originally there.

Mr. Holderman stated anything is possible. They stated the insert areas were a "potential" location.

Mr. Lingenfelter suggested perhaps the Main Street Design Committee would be an appropriate group to work on this.

Mr. Holderman would like to see the signage done throughout town, but currently he is trying to establish a group to follow the requirements of the Corps. Robert, Megan and Tami are on the Main Street Design Committee. It was decided Megan Tooker would take the lead work with the Main Street Design committee and other interest groups.

- Panoramic View of Bellefonte - Steve Heverly - Mr. Heverly had photographs that belong to the museum. He took them home, cleaned them and assembled them into a panorama that is approximately 180 degrees of Bellefonte. One of the photographs is dated 1895, the Centennial year. Another photograph had the name Blair on the back. Blair had a jewelry store in Bellefonte in the 1920's. Mr. Schneider would like a copy sent to him by email so he can get a print made for the Borough office. Mr. Heverly offered its use to anyone in Bellefonte.

- In the packet there is a form that Ms. Dainty revised for those with projects. She would like to add that the person with the project or a representative must be present. The back page is one that would help Ms. Dainty tremendously. Ms. Schuster would like to have the standard added to the form on the official use paper. On tabled Mr. Schneider suggested several lines be provided so the form doesn't have to be redone every time it comes before HARB. Please send all comments to Ms. Dainty.

**Old Business:**

- None.

**New Business:**

- None.

**Adjournment:**

- With no further business to come before HARB, T. Schuster made a motion to adjourn the August 25, 2015 meeting. P. Long seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.