

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES**

**October 27, 2020 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
www.bellefonte.net**

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 27, 2020 regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order by Mr. McGinley at 8:30 a.m. Members met *virtually* due to Covid-19 restrictions.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sam McGinley
Pat Long
Megan Tooker
Maria Day
Nichole Mendinsky
Robert Wagner

EXCUSED: Gay Dunne
Walt Schneider

STAFF MEMBERS: Ralph Stewart, Borough Manager

ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: Updated agenda was circulated.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None.

DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: Ms. Tooker received an email from Nancy Perkins regarding the fencing approved recently.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

**Ms. Long moved to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2020 HARB meeting.
Ms. Day seconded the motion.
Motion carried.**

PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

131 West High Street (High Street Shops) – Change to paint color

The property owner was present at the meeting. The color was changed prior to application. A summary was provided to HARB prior to the meeting. The color was painted back in June and was spontaneous and something to lift the community spirit after coming out of the shutdown. He spoke with Ms. Wright prior and there was a discussion whether this was a private thoroughfare or public. The alleyway was the subject of prior conversations with the Borough regarding to maintenance. The property owner understood the area to be a private space. Ms. Day supported the project.

**Ms. Day moved to retroactively approve the project as presented.
Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.**

Ms. Long said that the project brightened up the blah space and it makes people happy. She wished that the property owner would have come through HARB first, but it has had a good effect on the community. Ms. Thompson spoke on behalf of DBI, Inc. She stated that DBI has received positive feedback on the alleyway space. She was also happy to see the eagerness to improve and brighten up the downtown.

Motion carried unanimously.

118 North Allegheny Street – Signage and Touch Up Paint

The property owner of the new hair salon was presented at the meeting. They presented pictures of what the signage would look like. The signage is window graphics approximately 50 inches by 50 inches in size. They would be placed on each side of the door. The trim paint will be touched up in kind.

**Ms. Tooker moved to recommend to Council to approve the project for the signage and in-kind paint touch up.
Ms. Day seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

135 West High Street – Signage

The signage will be placed on existing bracket. IT is a round sign to replace The Cakery sign. The sign would be a little larger and would hang from the bracket. It will be 36 inches in diameter, per the business owner. There is plenty of head clearance, per Mr. Stewart. The new business is a clothing boutique. The sign colors will be peach background with black font writing.

**Ms. Long moved to recommend to Council to approve the signage project.
Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.
Motion carried unanimously.**

445 East Curtin Street – Fencing

Nancy Perkins would like to install a fence. Slides were presented. The fence is for her backyard and would be installed at the perimeter of the yard. There is an unopened right of way and the perimeter would butt against that right of way and come around the back yard. The fence is 3.5 feet in height with 3-foot sections. The fence will define Ms. Perkins' property line. She will also install bushes to maintain that property line. The fence visually blends in with the property. She had private property signs removed already and it was reported as a criminal incident. She offered that the fence may help curtail the trespassing of dog owners and vehicles on her property. She had some security cameras installed by ADT and has installed a RING for documenting any future perpetrators.

Ms. Long moved to recommend to Council to approve the fence project as presented.

Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

420 E. Linn Street- Roofing and siding (cedar shake shingles)

Owner is requesting permission to reroof and permission to install cedar shingles on the side of the dormer. The homeowners were present on Zoom. The roof would be teak shingles. Architectural shingles are proposed on the main roof and teak on the dormer. Cedar will be kept natural in color. The gutters are not being replaced.

Ms. Tooker moved to recommend to Council to approve the roof project.

Ms. Day seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL: Nothing.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS: Nothing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Stewart stated that the Diamond Deli awnings was a DBI, Inc. and the application was to come through Victorian Signs which has not been received to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Review of Historic District Ordinance. Stewart would like HARB to look at the ordinance. It does not speak to in-kind replacements. He would also like HARB members to look at the area of landscaping.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB,

Ms. Long moved to adjourn.
Ms. Day seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.