

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

April 27, 2021 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER: 8:31 a.m.

The April 27, 2021 regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order by Mr. Sam McGinley at 8:30 a.m. Members met *virtually* via Zoom.

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sam McGinley
Walt Schneider
Maria Day
Megan Tooker
Phil Ruth
Pat Long
Gay Dunne

EXCUSED: Nichole Mendinsky

STAFF MEMBERS: Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Joanne Tosti-Vasey
Bill Masullo
Margaret Wolfe
Eugene Clancey

ADDITIONS /CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA: None.

DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST: Ms. Day excused herself from the 413 West High Street Project.

DECLARATION OF EX PARTE COMMUNICATION: None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Ms. Dunne moved to approve the April 13, 2021, minutes.
Ms. Day seconded the motion.
Motion carried.

PROJECT REVIEW AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:

413 West High Street – Repair Parapets

Ms. Day was involved with this project and discussed the repairs. Only the street-facing sections will be redone. The top brick will be repaired. She showed photographs of the design of the repairs. Bricks will all be reappointed with brick mortar with a matching color. There will be a copper cap which will protect it from dirt and also protect the joints.

Ms. Dunne moved to approve the project as presented.

Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.

Phase II of the project would repair the parapet on the other side.

Motion carried with one abstention.

102 East Bishop Street – Façade cleanup/Painting

This property was constructed in 1979 per the County tax roll records. The property owner spoke about the façade as being dreary and dark gray, black and burgundy. She wanted to lift it up and make it warmer and more welcoming. Warm beige with an earthy Sage green were chosen for the doors and trim work.

Mr. Schneider moved to approve the project at 102 East Bishop Street.

Ms. Tooker seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

123 South Allegheny Street – Brick replacement

The brick on the top of this building is falling down due to the plywood underneath. The property owner would like to remove it. The veneer bricks are very thin and was placed on the wood and it is rotting. He would like to finish off with maroon paint. He would like to sell the building and allow the next owner to give it the design they want.

Ms. Tooker moved to approve the project as presented.

Ms. Dunne seconded the motion.

Ms. Long did not think that this was an improvement to the building. Mr. Schneider stated it was constructed in 1961 and would not have been constructed with concrete block façade. Ms. Dunne stated that making a new façade would help the building sell. Affordability was discussed. Stabilizing the area in the interim was discussed. The property owner stated that the entire area is rotting. Drive-it system was discussed if not going back to brick veneer.

The property owner will do some research and come back to the board.

Mr. Schneider moved to table the motion.

Ms. Long seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

234 West Curtin Street – Fence

The property owners would like to enclose their yard with a wooden picket fence. The home was built in 1860 and renovated in 2006. The property owners discussed the fencing project. They would like to fence the yard for their kids and dogs.

Ms. Day approved the project as presented with administrative approval of the paint or stain. .
Ms. Dunne seconded the motion.

The fence will be pressure treated; 4 feet tall. Stain versus using paint was discussed.

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE APPROVAL:

203 N. Allegheny Street – side porch roof

Ms. Thompson reviewed the Centre County Historical roof project, which was reviewed by HARB at February 23, 2021 meeting. Porch roof replacement was administratively approved.

447 E. Linn Street – HVAC unit

The HVAC unit on the back of the house was administratively approved by Ms. Thompson

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS: Nothing presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

At the last Council meeting, Council approved the vinyl fence for 105 West Curtin Street. The applicant appeared before Council and discussed the project. They voted on the premise that the house was built after 1950 and aesthetically because of the character of the house, the vinyl picket fence was appropriate.

The back of the Letterman property for use as an ADA accessible access was discussed. Mr. Letterman was unable to accommodate the neighboring property owner's request due to parking. The neighboring property owner will opt in with the letter to Labor and Industry as discussed at that HARB meeting. Mr. Schneider stated that he would like to see communication sent from HARB to the property owner asking him to seek counsel of his attorney with regard to this issue.

NEW BUSINESS: Nothing presented.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business to come before HARB,

Mr. Schneider moved to adjourn.

Mr. Day seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.