

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The July 26, 2022, regular meeting of the Bellefonte Borough Historical Architecture Review Board (HARB) was called to order at 8:30 a.m. Members met *virtually* via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Walt Schneider
Philip Ruth
Mike Leakey
Gay Dunne
Pat Long
Maria Day

EXCUSED: Megan Tooker

STAFF MEMBERS: Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Stuart Echols
Randy Brachbill
Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda

- none

Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Declaration of Ex Parte Communication

- Mike Leakey is the architect for the Stage at Talleyrand bandshell project.

Approval of the HARB meeting minutes:

- Pat Long moved to approve the minutes of the July 12, 2022, meeting. Gay Dunne seconded. There was a discussion regarding audio and video recording of the meetings. Motion carried.

Project Review and Public Comments

The Stage at Talleyrand – Informal review of preliminary design and discussion about project

- Mike Leakey, architect for the project, presented

- Details about access, parking, building, layout, pavilions, shade, restrooms etc, were all discussed.
- It was also discussed that the overall building design could include a rainwater feature.

Gina's additions:

Current Subway property owned by the Borough. Proposed to change the parking and re-do the building. Some elements to the stage would be changing rooms. A gallery space is considered, but not sure it's in the budget. The stage portion would be open at all times, but equipment room / changing rooms would be locked when not in use. There will be structures to the right and left at stage. Pavilion and gallery space could be used/rented by groups.

Historical considerations: The Match Factory is a dominant structure in that area, so the idea was to have a different approach as to not conflict with that. The limestone structures would be a nod to the Centre County limestone history. Mr. Roth commented on any consideration of height for the limestone stacks. Mr. Leakey noted that the dimensions (height/shape) could be changed, but it was to mimic the historic stacks around the area.

Mr. Echols noted that the inverted roof was to possibly allow for a water feature. Ideas of an artful rainwater in reference to how pig iron was made.

Administrative Approval

- None presented

Old Business

141 S. Thomas Street – Retroactive application for roof replacement.

- Applicants were sent letter dated June 2, 2022 that it was noted there was exterior work being done but no record of HARB approval. The old asphalt shingles are/were of indeterminate age (old) and needed to be redone before it started to leak. Replaced asphalt shingles and metal with the metal with metal staying closer to something historically appropriate. The original roof was 1/2"-3/4" Cedar Shake shingles. Only one layer so the metal roof was put overtop of the shingles.
- Carlton Hopkins came to the council meeting on July 18 to speak about the project under public comment. Some council members wanted to take action on the project, but could not since it was tabled and not on the agenda. Carlton asked then that this comes back to HARB for the upcoming meeting. Council would like HARB to make a recommendation for this project so they can vote on it at the next council meeting.

Walt Schneider motioned to deny the application for the roof replacement, based on that the roof replacement is inappropriate for the structure. Pat Long seconded. Discussion included other roofing violations in the Historic District (HD), as well as steps that could

be taken to inform all property owners in the HD that they are located within the HD – in order to ensure future projects are approved. Motion to deny the project carried. The project was denied.

133 W. Logan Street – roof replacement

- Mike Lloyd, contractor, and George Powell, property owner, attended the council meeting on July 18 to speak about the project. Council voted to approve the roof project as is currently being constructed, with the condition that if and when the roof is replaced in the future, it will not be replaced in kind, but rather replaced with a historically appropriate material.

251 N. Allegheny Street – house restoration

- The Setaro's continue to do work on their house that was previously approved by HARB in 2020 and 2021.

150 N. Water Street – Roofing project

- Gina renewed the COA for a roof project that was previously approved on October 9, 2019.

New Business

- none

Information/Discussion Items

- There is a building project going on at 227 N. Allegheny. It is unclear what the project is. The street is blocked. Gina is going to check on the project later today.
- There was a question raised regarding HARB ordinances and HARB guidelines. Gina is working with PHMC to develop an RFP to get a grant to redo the guidelines.

Adjournment

- With no other business to come before HARB, Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.