

**HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURE REVIEW BOARD
BELLEFONTE BOROUGH
MEETING MINUTES
August 23, 2022 - 8:30 a.m.
236 West Lamb Street, Bellefonte, PA 16823
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CALL TO ORDER:

The August 23, 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 Leahey
Gay Dunne
Maria Day
Sam McGinley

EXCUSED: Megan Tooker
Pat Long

STAFF MEMBERS: Gina Thompson, HARB Administrator

GUESTS: Lori Haines
Andrey Dolgoplov
Vitaly Glushak
Randy Brachbill
Joanne Tosti-Vasey

Additions / Corrections to the Agenda: None

Declaration of Conflict of Interest / Declaration of Ex Parte Communication: Maria Day is working on the projects at 251 N. Allegheny Street and 413 W. High Street.

Approval of the HARB meeting minutes: Walt Schneider moved to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2022, meeting. Maria Day seconded. There was no discussion. Motion carried.

Project Review and Public Comments

109 N. Thomas Street – exterior repairs: roof, siding

- Vitaly Glushak, property owner, was present to discuss the project.
- A question was raised regarding which portion of the building is being repaired. It was clarified that repairs will be on 3 sides of the building.
- The roof will be repaired and replaced with similar type and color shingles.

Schneider motioned to approve the replacement of the roof with asphalt shingles of dark gray color. Seconded by Day. Discussion included shingle type and color. The motion carried unanimously.

- There was discussion regarding the siding, shutters and paint colors.

Schneider motioned to approve the painting of the asbestos siding and replacement of the shutters with the chosen colors. Day seconded. Discussion included a question regarding an old door that is covered with plywood, and also exposed sheathing, and what repairs would be done to those areas. It was clarified that the areas would be covered in vinyl siding. It was suggested that a cement board siding might be more appropriate. The motion carried, with 3 in favor and 2 negative votes, with Ms. Day and Ms. Dunne with the nay votes.

- There was discussion regarding repairs to the rear of the building and the replacement of the siding.

Schneider motioned to approve the replacement of the vinyl siding and broken asbestos siding with hardy siding or faux asbestos siding with matching color. Ruth seconded. It was noted that asbestos siding cannot go into local landfills, and it requires special disposal. The motion carried unanimously.

105 S. Allegheny Street (Brockhoff House) – enhancement of waste area by State Burger

- K. Alan Uhler Jr, Uhler & Associates, design professional, was not present to discuss the project. Lori Haines, Executive Director of the Housing Authority was present.

Schneider motioned to approve the new screening as presented with a brick wall and iron gates as a privacy screen for their waste collection containers on the North side of the Brockhoff House. Brick color will be natural until reviewed by HARB. Seconded by Gay. Discussion included paint and brick colors. There was also a question regarding containment of oils and other waste debris. It was clarified that the property owners will address this issue. It was also noted that this project will require a building permit. Motion carried unanimously.

224 High Street (Bush Arcade) – roof replacement

- A representative from Forefront Group was not present to discuss the project.
- Remove and replace shingles on the upper main roof, not including the roof over the Spires.

Schneider motioned to approve the project as presented. Day seconded. Discussion included a comment that a building permit is required for this project. Motion carried unanimously.

251 N. Allegheny Street – stone wall

- Maria Day, Sterling Stoneworks, discussed the project.
- Putting in a stone wall on the south side of the property line, 18 inches tall, double sided, capped with bluestone, iron fence, iron railing.
- This is an extension of the retaining wall project that was approved last year.

Schneider motioned to approve the project as presented. Ruth seconded. Motion carried unanimously. The motion carried.

Administrative Approvals

- 413 W. High Street – parapet repairs, phase 2
- 329 E. Curtin Street – exterior paint
- 219 S. Allegheny – shingle roof replacement

Information/Discussion Items

- Ms. Thompson discussed the site visit from Frank Grumbine, PHMC Central Regional Coordinator and his presentation to Council. There was no discussion from HARB.
- There was a discussion regarding color choices for projects and whether it is appropriate for the board to approve or disapprove of colors in projects.

Old Business: none

New Business: none

Adjournment: With no other business to come before HARB, Meeting adjourned at 9:28am.