

HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
13JULY2020 VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

In attendance was Larry Peseski (Chair), Scott Minnucci (Vice Chair), Nancy Ruddle, Buz Teacher, Marnie Newman and Christine Terranova (HARB Administrator).

Absent: Steve Young (Associate Member) and Noel Barrett (Liaison)

Additional Attendees: Tom Repas (Representative for Carversville Christian Church), Ralph Fey (Ralph Fey and Associates, Inc.), Inessia Houhiannisyian (Ralph Fey and Associates, Inc.) and James Herron (Metal Worker for Carversville Christian Church).

I. Call to Order

Chair Peseski called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and noted that H.A.R.B. did have a quorum.

II. Approval of Minutes – February 3rd, 2020 and May 4th, 2020

Upon a Motion by Buz Teacher, seconded by Marnie Newman, H.A.R.B. unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of February 3rd, 2020.

Upon a Motion by Marnie Newman, seconded by Nancy Ruddle, H.A.R.B. unanimously agreed to approve the minutes of May 4th, 2020 with corrections.

III. New Business

**A. Action on Carversville Christian Church
3736 Aquetong Road, Carversville, PA
(Carversville Historic District)
HARB Plan Number 2020-04-D**

Ms. Inessa Houhiannisyian, Mr. Ralph Fey, Mr. Tom Repas and Mr. James Herron were present on behalf of the Carversville Christian Church.

Mr. Repas is proposing to rotate the existing sign 90 degrees so it will be visible from both directions of the street when people are driving or walking by the church.

Mr. Fey gave a brief explanation of how the church is proposing to repair and restore the sign by adding another door on the other side of the sign, restoring the lighting and the redesign of the sign. The purpose of adding the second sign

would create a two-sided sign in order to have the same information on each side.

On May 31, 2020, Ms. Houhiannisyan emailed the HARB Administrator revised plans to replace some of the original submitted plans. Any "X'd-out" markings on the plans designates that portion of the plan should be disregarded. The sign is to stay at the same location on the property and the base will be raised to allow the existing plants and bushes to remain. The metal posts are rotting so they will be replaced with new posts and the addition of ball finials at the top of each post.

Mr. Herron stated he will be restoring the early mid-century sign that is made of bronze and be replacing the rotted wood on the inside with a similar material. It was agreed that the bronze sign frame was worth restoring. The letters to be used for the inside of the sign (both sides) would be white and have a sheen.

Vice Chair Minnucci asked for detail concerning the lighting, timing and brightness issues.

Chair Peseski stated the lighting would not exceed 25 watts and 1500 lumens.

Mr. Minnucci stated that if there was any change to the proposal for lighting, then the applicant will need to return to HARB for additional review.

Ms. Ruddle asked what the setting would be for the timer.

Mr. Repas stated the timer would be set from sunset to 11 p.m., seven days a week, and the light in the sign is currently a soft white 100-watt incandescent bulb.

Chair Peseski asked how long would it take to restore the sign.

Mr. Herron stated the restoration could take up to twelve months.

Mr. Repas stated the project would most likely take 18 to 24 months, start to finish and hoping to start the project within three or four months after everything has been approved.

Mr. Teacher asked if a temporary sign will be erected while the permanent sign was being stored.

Mr. Repas stated that there would not be a temporary sign.

Upon a Motion by Marnie Newman, seconded by Scott Minnucci, it was unanimously agreed to recommend issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness to TMP#41-002-053, 3736 Aquetong Road, per the submitted email dated May 31, 2020 and drawing R1.0, the existing sign will

be repaired and amended to match the existing to make it two-sided, twice as thick and rotated 90 degrees. The stone base is to be reused and will be taller and thinner. The new metal posts will be slightly shorter than existing, with same material and thickness and topped with ball finials. The existing lighting will be replaced with a warm, 25-watt LED and the timer will be set from sunset to 11 p.m. every day.

IV. Chairman's Topics

A. Volunteer to attend the next Board of Supervisors meeting on July 21st, 2020

Ms. Newman will be virtually attending the July 21st, 2020 Board of Supervisors meeting.

V. Public Comment

Ms. Ruddle voiced concerns about seeking out another resident to join HARB since Mr. MacDonald had resigned from the committee.

VI. Adjournment

Upon a Motion by Nancy Ruddle, seconded by Scott Minnucci, the July H.A.R.B. virtual meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine E. Terranova
H.A.R.B. Administrator
Solebury Township