

**BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY
HISTORIC REVIEW COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, April 6, 2020

The Historic Review Commission meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Ms. Heather Wildman-Figley.

Meeting hosted via Zoom Teleconference. In attendance were Commission members Larry Rice, Teresa Duff, Kathe Barge and Heather Wildman-Figley. Also present were Mr. Randy McCray and Mr. Jarrod D'Amico from Harshman CE Group, Mr. Dick Tucker, Borough Solicitor (via phone), and Ms. Marla Marcinko, Borough Manager (via phone).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Duff, second by Mr. Rice, to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

A. 922/924 Beaver Street

The applicant/property owners were in attendance, along with their contractor, Lane Johnson. The first discussion item focused on the replacement of the roof on the primary structure and the validity of review of this work as part of an open building permit on the property, which was issued for the accessory structure. Mr. D'Amico noted that a Stop Work Order was issued on the accessory building construction and that a building permit is not required to replace roofing. This was confirmed by Mr. McCray. Ms. Wildman-Figley noted that there is precedence for roof work to be reviewed when there is an open building permit application on a property. Mr. Chappelle confirmed that the Stop Work Order was received after they started the roof replacement, which was near completion at the time.

The second discussion item focused on the revised plan for the accessory structure. On March 18, 2020, the applicants submitted a revised plan consistent with the HRC recommendations at the March 2, 2020 HRC meeting. The revised plan showed that the size of the overall structure was reduced to a one and one-half story building with a hip-style roof and shake siding consistent with the primary structure. The height was reduced to meet the height restriction for an accessory structure - eighteen (18) feet. Mr. Chappelle noted that the shake siding is consistent with the style on the main structure and that they did not want to reduce the height of the structure. The applicant expressed concern about the loss of storage space in the accessory structure if the height were to be reduced. Ms. Wildman-Figley mentioned that the reduction in mass was the primary objective for the HRC. Mr. Johnson suggested changing the roof style to a hip roof without reducing the height of the structure. Ms. Wildman-Figley stated that the original plan for the structure is not acceptable to the HRC. The current height of the structure is in violation of the Borough's Zoning Ordinance. Relief from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance must be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board. The property owners rescinded their revised plan after reviewing the costs associated with the revision and planned to speak to Council about a compromise at the April Council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT

Comment was taken from:
Ms. Pam Lasorda

ADJOURNMENT

On the motion of Mr. Rice, second by Ms. Duff, the Historic Review Commission Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Wildman-Figley
Historic Review Commission Chairperson