



East Pikeland Historical Architectural Review Board Meeting Minutes February 19, 2020

Attendees: Jim Garrison, Joanne Moser, Kris Jommersbach, Jon Gayl, Barb Ray,
Bob Freibel, Kehl Rothermel, and Molly Ruzicka

The following item was discussed *via email* by the HARB members:

- **2123 Kimberton Road/IDEAS Bookstore** - The business owner submitted an application in January to construct a 33" x 48" business sign. The sign will be an acrylic or glass panel with the IDEAS Bookstore name in gold lettering. The new panel will be attached to an existing frame. After discussion, the Historical Commission members voted - via email - to approve the application.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jommersbach
Secretary - HARB



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Guests: Dennis Ray, homeowner and Don Szabo, homeowner

The Historical Commission meeting commenced at 7:00 pm.

General

- **Meeting Minutes** - The November 20th meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.
- **Chester County Historic Preservation Workshop** - The CCHPN Spring “Understanding Our Historic Resources” workshop will be held on Saturday, March 7th at the Brandywine River Museum from 8:30 am-12:00 pm.
- **Chester County Historic Preservation Meet & Greet** - The CCHPN will be hosting a Meet & Greet for Leaders of Heritage Organization & Historical Commission of Chester County on Wednesday, February 26th at the Marshallton Inn.
- **2020 Town Tour** - The Historical Commission will not be participating in this year’s Town Tours.
- **Township Planning Meeting** - Kehl Rothermel presented a review of the East Pikeland Township 2020 Strategic Planning meeting that was held on February 8th.

New

- **2285 Kimberton Road** - The homeowners submitted an application to install 6.48 kW ground mounted solar panels that would be located in the northeast corner of the property. The elevation of the property and the height of the plantings will block most or all of the panels from sight on Kimberton Road. The view from Seven Stars Road will also be blocked by the remaining trees on the north side. After discussion, the Historical Commission members voted to approve the application. *Note: This application was submitted in December. The Commission members reviewed and voted on the application via email.*
- **287 West Seven Stars Road** - The property owners submitted a proposal to add the barn (circa 1840) and small house (circa 1920) to the Township Historic Resources list. In order to be added to the list the barn and small house must meet at least two of the Criteria for Designation;
 - **Barn:** “A” is 50 years older and is generally intact; “C” is associated with a person of historic significance in the Township or elsewhere; “G” possesses a notable location and physical characteristic as an established and familiar visual feature to a neighborhood or the Township overall.

287 West Seven Stars Road (cont'd)

- Small House: "A" is 50 years older and is generally intact; "G" possesses a notable location and physical characteristic as an established and familiar visual feature to a neighborhood or the Township overall.

After discussion, the Historic Commission voted to approved the application

- **Township Distressed Properties Review** - The Historical Commission consultants, Bob Wise and Seth Hinshaw along with Commission members Barb Ray and Molly Ruzicka will be visiting the four properties and inspect the outside and - with the permission of the owners - review the interiors for signs that the lack of exterior maintenance have led to possible damage throughout. Once the site visits have been completed, they will issue an assessment report of each property to the Historical Commission. Upon review of these reports the Commission would recommend to the Board of Supervisors the necessary remediations for the stabilizations of the four properties. The intention of this report is not to single out a particular owner or condition, but to show that there can be different forms of demolition by neglect that might have different outcomes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jommersbach
Secretary, Historical Commission