

Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships
Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2016

The following HARB members were present: Adam Stern, Jack Loughridge, Nancy Brown, Alex Pientka, Paul Krepto, Ken Parsons, David Conroy, Plymouth Township Zoning Officer, and Robert Sztubinski, Whitemarsh Township Director of Building & Codes. Also in attendance was Charlie Guttenplan, Whitemarsh Township Director of Planning and Zoning and Laura Boyle Nester, Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors Liaison.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY: Linda Dahl, from Fairway Lane in Whitemarsh Township, expressed her concern over wanting the limekilns preserved at 2290 Butler Pike.
3. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE: A letter, dated 9/8/16, from the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office was discussed. The letter stated that several properties within the Historic District needed to be updated for the PHMC.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 13, 2016 – approved.
5. OLD BUSINESS: None.
6. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 2290 Butler Pike, Plymouth Township – Rob Lewis, representing Danella Company, Inc., was present to discuss proposed grading on about ¼ acre of land for a parking lot expansion for construction equipment on the property. An existing limekiln is proposed to be removed. Danella is proposing to work with HARB to properly memorialize where the limekiln is located, as well as install concrete (instead of macadam) for the County Cross County Trail that runs along Butler Pike in the front of the property. Discussion ensued on whether it was possible to preserve the limekiln while providing the proposed grading. Mr. Lewis stated that Danella is running out of space on the property to store their construction vehicles and that the proposed grading could not be completed without removing the existing limekiln. Motion to recommend the governing body deny a Certificate of Appropriateness for the proposed grading was seconded and approved by a vote of 9-0.
7. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.
8. HARB MEMBER COMMENTS: Discussion regarding the proper steps in updating specific properties within the Historic District ensued. It was suggested that updating these properties with current data could be done by a possible internship by a local college student who, as well as members of the HARB, can review documents at the Plymouth Meeting Historical Society. A proposal will need to be generated by the Board to present to the governing bodies.
9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,
David Conroy, Zoning Officer