

Plymouth & Whitemarsh Townships
Historical Architectural Review Board
Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2021

The following HARB members participated via ZOOM telecommunication technology: David Conroy, Plymouth Township Zoning Officer, Karen Coyne, John Von Essen, Ken Parsons, Jerry Rafter, Jamina Clay, and Robert Sztubinski, Whitemarsh Township Director of Building & Codes. Also in attendance were Charlie Guttenplan, Whitemarsh Township Director of Planning & Zoning and Kathy Bandish, Plymouth Township Council Liaison.

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM.
2. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:
 - Jerry Rafter updated the Board that the Whitemarsh Township Zoning Update Steering Committee held an introductory meeting. Mr. Rafter stated that the Whitemarsh Township Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board are trying to come up with a vision on how Whitemarsh Township will look in future years.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 21, 2021 – table until June meeting.
4. OLD BUSINESS: None.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - 2 Catherine Lane, Whitemarsh Township – Neil Best, contractor for the property owner, shared his plans for a proposed composite 570 square foot deck, of which 16'x25' is covered by a roof. The exact location of the roof arch will be determined by the window placement on the house. Bob Sztubinski mentioned that there could be possible drainage issues with this proposed deck. Motion to recommend the governing body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - 129 Black Walnut Lane, Whitemarsh Township – Tom McMullen, homeowner, shared his plans for a proposed 420 square foot wooden deck on rear of house. The proposed deck will have gray planks, white railings, and will match the overall aesthetics of the house. Motion to recommend the governing body approve a Certificate of Appropriateness was seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0.
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): None.
7. HARB MEMBER COMMENTS:
 - It was noted that Whitemarsh Township is contemplating revising some ambiguities within their historic district ordinance. Ken Parsons updated the Board on a presentation to the Whitemarsh Township Board of Supervisors on proposed new HARB procedures.
8. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 9:01 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Conroy, Plymouth Township Zoning Officer