

La Mott Historic District, Township of Cheltenham
Board of Historical and Architectural Review
Thursday, February 17, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.

Location: Video Web Conference Call

Present: Mr. Timothy Hinchcliff – Chairman
Ms. Darlene Melton, Vice Chairperson
Ms. Zilan Munas-Bass, Member
Mr. Thomas Cinaglia, Member
Ms. Emma Trusty, Member
Mr. Henry Sekawungu, Staff

1. Mr. Hinchcliff called the meeting to order at 6:41 P.M. A quorum was present.
2. Ms. Trusty made a motion to accept the minutes from the November 18, 2021 meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. *Application L21-276 of Power Home Remodeling, contractor for the property owner, Herve & Michaelle Desrosiers of 7410 Cedar Lane, Elkins Park, PA 19027 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for exterior renovations.*

Mr. Desrosiers, property owner, was present and shared with the BHAR the proposed improvements, which involved the replacement of the existing deteriorated yellow vinyl siding, with light green vinyl siding, and would be wrapping with white wood capping the spindles on the porch and also using the same wrapping around the windows. There were no proposed structural changes as part of the proposed renovations. It was brought up that this was a contributor to the Historic District and that it was important that as part of the renovations, that the applicant continue to consider preserving the original elements of this structure through repair and replacement in-kind.

Recommendation to the Public Works Committee: Upon motion of Mr. Hinchcliff, the La Mott BHAR recommended approval (4-1 Ms. Melton abstained) of a Certificate of Appropriateness for application L21-276 for 7410 Cedar Lane, Elkins Park, PA, for new vinyl siding to replace the old, white wood square capping of the deck spindles and vinyl wrapping around the windows.

4. *Application L22-277 of Applicant Sonja Wayns, owner of 7408 Cedar Lane, Elkins Park, PA 19027 for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the replacement of a chain link fence with a white vinyl PVC fence and repaving of the driveway.*

Ms. Wayns, property owner, was present and shared that this application was before the BHAR in May 2015 and received approval of a COA at the time. However, the work was never completed and she was back before the BHAR for a COA. The work would involve repaving of the mismatched driveway, the replacement of the existing chain link fence with a 6' white vinyl PVC fence in the rear and side, and a 4' white picket vinyl fence in the front yard setback of the property. Staff verified that this was a prior application, and that it met the zoning requirements for a 6' solid fence in the rear and side, and 50% open 4' high fence in the front of the property.

Recommendation to the Public Works Committee: Upon motion of Ms. Bass, the La Mott BHAR recommended approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for Application L22-277 for the installation of a 6' white vinyl PVC fence in the rear and side, and a 4' white picket vinyl fence in the front yard setback of the property, in addition to paving of the driveway with uniform blacktop including any associated storm water management.

5. Old Business

- A. Ms. Bass inquired about the status of roof work replacement at 12 Latham Parkway, which occurred over one weekend late last year without permits. Staff responded that the Township issued violations followed by citations on this property, and were waiting for a court date for a hearing. It was also determined that the property was up for sheriffs' sale and had school district tax liens. All the issues would be settled as part of the sale of the property.
6. New Business - None
7. There being no further business, Mr. Hinchcliff adjourned the meeting at 7:10 P.M.



Robert Zienkowski
Township Manager

Per Henry Sekawungu