

**Chesterfield Township
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes July 2nd, 2024**

Chairmen James Codella called the meeting to order at 7:02pm

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read and Compliance Noted

Roll Call:

Present- James Codella, Robert Forwood, Jill Moraca, Jennifer Lynch, Timothy Beggs, HPC Liaison Denise Koetas-Dale,

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Beggs made a motion seconded by Mr. Ratajczak to approve the June 4th meeting minutes All were in favor, motion carried.

New business:

530 Ward Avenue- Nancy Mrzljcak- Proposed sign with maps/photos of different sights to see in Crosswicks. The sign will also include a QR code that can be used to take a virtual tour of the museum for when they aren't open and someone stops by. Nancy to follow up with Glenn about placement of lamppost with iron arm that says historic society museum. This project is being funded by a county grant which was already pre-approved. Mr. Beggs made a motion seconded by Mr. Forwood to approve application as submitted, all were in favor, motion carried.

Timothy Beggs recused himself from his application on 16 Buttonwood Street

16 Buttonwood Street – Proposed re-orienting the front of the driveway into a U-shape. The current state of the driveway is a “heart shape” that is made up of $\frac{3}{4}$ gravel, the applicant is proposing to have driveway paved. The proposed driveway would need to be approved through the county if granted approval through HPC and the Planning Board. The applicant also explained he has contacted the county regarding reducing the speed limit from 25 to 15 due to the speed bumps, the current speed limit signs are very close together making it difficult to see the 15mpoh sign prior to the speed bumps. Mr. Codella asked if it was possible to refrain from paving the driveway, instead outlining the driveway with Belgium block and keeping gravel in the center. Mr. Beggs explained that Belgium block is extremely expensive and that they have looked into many options and that keeping the gravel does not make sense for their scenario. Mr. Beggs states that there wouldn't be concern about exceeding impervious coverage from a zoning standpoint as the new addition to the driveway would replace what was originally taken up by the demolished barn. Mr. Forwood referenced the guidelines which recommend keeping original shape and not altering historic style driveway architecture. Ms. Moraca also referenced the guidelines explaining they recommended maintaining original shape as well. Mr. Ratajczak suggested metal edging around the driveway to help maintain the gravel. Ms. Moraca explained that brick pavers are an approved material according to the guidelines. Mr. beggs will inquire with the county to see if this alteration is feasible. If the County permits or deems the current state of the driveway as a safety hazard, Mr. Beggs will return to the HPC.

530 Ward- Czehut- Proposed replacing columns and trim on base of columns and replacing storm door like for like , Mr. Beggs made a motion seconded by Mr. Forwood to approve application as submitted with the expectation that they will be matching existing dimensions and profiles, all in favor, motion carried.

Public Comment- A motion was made by Mr. Beggs seconded by Mr. Forwood to open public comment

Molly Hazen- 447 Main Street- Stated that the HPC is not involved with driveways according to minutes she found from back in 2020. She proposed a solution to some public relation issues the HPC faces would be to sit on the same level as the applicants and the public as it is less intimidating that way. She also suggested maybe having a table at the harvest festical where the public can ask wuestions

A motion was made by Mr.Beggs Seconded by Ms. Moraca to adjourn All were in favor. Meeting adjourned 7:45pm.