



Historical and Architectural Review Board Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2013,

Meeting was called to order by Chair Gary Sharp at 7:05 PM.
Also in attendance for this meeting: Barbara Kearney-Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Ashmore, Cindy Tobias, Kathy Koch and Noelle Barbone

Minutes from May 13, 2012.

Antica – Sign Application

**Applicants: Joshua Friedberg
1623 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford**

Mr. Friedberg presented application for installation of rectangle sign that will replace the existing sign to hang within the wrought iron brackets currently attached to the Route 1 side of the building. The brushed peach section will have a raised texture and will look like wood. The colors are a shade of white & peach with black lettering.

The exterior of the building will be repainted to match the existing colors.

HARB members recommended that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued.

In another matter concerning this building, the HARB discussed with applicant the on-going issue concerning the non-conforming look of the existing ventilation system that runs on the exterior of the building. Applicant agreed to take a look at what he could do to make it conform and we all understand it is voluntary on the part of the applicant.

Brandywine Conservancy

**Lighting Upgrade
1 Hoffmans Mill Road**

Steve Palovitch, Delco Electrical Construction presented application for replacing 5 of the 6 light poles located in the parking area of the Conservancy. Also all 6 of the existing light fixtures will be replaced with smaller, more efficient LED lighting. The exterior of these lights will be the same color. They will have an 'auto-trip' feature. The lights will be set back far enough away from Rt. 1 so traffic passing by will not trip the lights. Light poles will be set back approximately 75 feet from the Rt. 1 shoulder.

HARB members recommended that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued.

Fellini's Café - Exhaust Fans

**Applicant: Casey Lafferty
1620 Baltimore Pike**

Thomas Wiedenman, Architect submitted an application to install exterior exhaust fans along the roof line for the kitchen that will be located to the rear of the building. While they are located on the back roof, there was concern expressed that the venting could be seen from Route 1 and possibly from Station Way, although it was acknowledged that a tree effectively screened the view from Station Way.



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HARB members recommended that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued with the conditions that the vents will be placed so that they are not visible from Route 1 and that the proposed locations and materials meet the building code. The applicant also agreed to place the vents as far back from Station Way as practical to minimize their visibility from that direction.

Fellini's Café – Sign

Applicant: Casey Lafferty
1620 Baltimore Pike

Applicant's sign contractor from Lane Signs came in to discuss plans for installation of sign for subject building. Applicant will revise sign colors and resubmit the application at our next meeting.

In another matter, HARB members requested that applicant relocate two large statues currently resting on the exterior porch of the building, to the inside. Applicant agreed.

Brandywine River Hotel – Sign

Applicant's sign contractor came in to discuss plans for a total replacement of existing free-standing sign that was recently damaged. HARB members took a look at the rough drafts of the sign plans and had the following issues:

- The main sign for the hotel would have carved lettering that would light up from the inside with LED lighting. This idea was respectfully rejected as non-conforming by the HARB and a discussion of what type of lighting would conform.
- The other issue concerned an additional sign to advertise another business [psychic] that would be attached to the top of Brandywine River Hotel sign. The HARB suggested that this would require submission of an additional application.

HARB suggested that applicant provide a site plan to show the exact location of placement of sign(s).

Applicant will revise application and return to a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mike Ashmore submitted a 'cover-sheet' that would summarize each applicant's record of events and the result of the HARB's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. This sheet will make our process of communication with the BOS timely and efficient. We began using this cover sheet at this evening's meeting.

The School House Octagonal Building located at the corner of Heyburn and Ridge roads is deteriorating and abandoned. While the structure does not sit in a designated historical location, the building itself is part of Chadds Ford history. HARB members discussed reaching out to the Board of Supervisors to see if the township has an interest and to obtain some recommendations on how we can approach preservation of this structure.



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HARB members also discussed how we want the HARB Ordinance to work on our website specifically posting of the steps in the application process and to modify application to reflect an electronic submission. We discussed how many copies of attachments would be needed in both instances of a hard-copy submission and an electronic version. Further discussion will be needed.

OLD BUSINESS

HARB will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to simplify the process for applicants who submit an application to repair and/or replace in kind. HARB will compile a list of the items that would be covered by this simplification process and will need to create the steps that would be involved to implement the process.

Draft of 'Standards & Guidelines' was submitted to the Board of Supervisors in the recent past, however we never heard back from them. HARB members agreed to review and resubmit this document to the BOS for their approval to upload it to our website.

Meeting was adjourned by Chair Gary Sharp at 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Noelle M. Barbone

Noelle M. Barbone, Recording Secretary

