

HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
CHADDS FORD TOWNSHIP
2/11/2008 MEETING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gary Sharp at 7:35 pm. Cynthia Tobias, Kathy Wandersee, Rich Jensen, Kathy Koch, Luren Dickinson, Sundari Balakrishnan, and Alison Lee attended.

Minutes of the 12/3/2007 meeting were approved as read, with the following correction: asphalt shingles approved for replacement of roofs for Chadds Ford Gallery and Barn designated Tamko, Certainteed or GAF.

As this meeting was the first for the year, new member Sundari Balakrishnan was introduced, and officers were elected. A motion was passed to elect Gary Sharp as Chariman, Kathy Wandersee as Vice-Chairman, and Alison Lee as Secretary, there being no other nominations.

M. K. Palmer presented a revision of signage for the Eli Lee Gallery at 1 Station Way previously approved by the Board on 5/7/2007. The parallel sign that was installed included graphics not indicated on the original application. A motion was passed to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness.

Donald Weiss appeared before the Board on behalf of 901 Poplar LP, regarding the property known as Stonebridge at 681 Webb Road. While a Certificate of Appropriateness was not approved (there was no information to act upon), the Board was made aware of potential issues in developing the property. PennDot's ruling on a Route One entrance requires the addition of an acceleration/deceleration lane. The current Webb Road entrance may involve removing portions of the existing historical stone wall, in order to allow for widening the entrance and to provide for additional parking spaces should the property be developed as a Bed and Breakfast. Kathy Wandersee asked that PennDot be notified that the property is in a designated historic district. Neighbors on Webb Road were also present to express their concerns.

No action was taken on this issue, since an application at this point is premature. The Board did, however, indicate that it is aware that the stone walls along Webb Road and Route One could be disturbed. The Board strongly recommended that the applicant review and explore every conceivable solution for maintaining the walls that are contributing elements to this highly significant historic property.

The Board then reviewed the proposed HARB information pamphlet. An estimate on printing costs is the next step.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 pm.

Submitted by Alison Bradley Lee