

**Township of Bloomfield
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, May 18, 2021
Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom
Meeting commenced at approximately 7:05 PM**

I. Call to Order:

A. Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. Roll Call:

In attendance via Zoom were Chairman Gregory Babula, Vice Chairwoman Ann Hardy and Commissioners, John DeBold, Karin Robinson, Joseph Barry, Peter Syak, Ruth Hodson and Mark Szep. Commissioner Ken Kenna was absent.

Also in attendance via Zoom:

Councilman Richard Rockwell, Commission Liaison

Ivan Tukhtin, Esq. for William C. Sullivan, Jr., Esq., Commission Attorney

Bonnie N. Flynn, Planning Director

Anyela Lopez, Commission Secretary

Applicants (listed below)

II. New Business:

Applications:

1. Application from William Hergenhan on behalf of St. John’s Lutheran Church regarding 216 Liberty Street, for a roof repair and chimney removal. The Commission heard testimony from William Hergenhan. Mr. Hergenhan testified there has been issues with the roof condition that need to be addressed by repairing and replacing portions of the roof and shingles. Mr. Hergenhan testified that it will be replaced with the same look and color as exists. Mr. Hergenhan also testified that the chimney is no longer in use and poses a potential hazard should it collapse due to its age. Mr. Hergenhan explained how there are no churches in the area with existing chimneys and in light of the roof repair, it is best to remove the chimney altogether. The Commission concludes that the proposed improvements and roof repair will repair potential safety hazards without negatively impacting the historic character of the area. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Szep, seconded by Ms. Robinson, and all other members present were in favor of the motion.

2. Application from property owner, Paul Sant’Ambrogio regarding 70 Beach Street, to replace the front steps and walkway. The Commission heard testimony from applicant’s Contractor, Al Greig. Mr. Greig testifies they propose to repair the existing steps and walkway, which are currently made of bluestone. Bluestone will not be used for the replacement, however it will be replaced with the same look and color as exists. Mr. Greig presented samples of replacement concrete-type pavers and stones in various shades and agreed to use a matching shade. The Commission concludes that the proposed steps and walkway repair will repair potential safety hazards without negatively impacting the historic character of the area. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Ms. Hardy, seconded by Ms. Hodson, and all other members present were in favor of the motion.

3. Application from property owner, Maria J. Desanges regarding 8 Oakland Avenue. Homeowner requested to adjourn her application.

4. Application from Rev. Ruth L. Boling on behalf of the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church regarding 67 Park Place, for a sign installation. The Commission heard testimony from Rev. Ruth L. Boling. Rev. Boling

testified that there is an existing walking path and labyrinth on the back side of the property. She proposes to post a sign to direct the public to this area. The sign will be matching green with golf flakes to match the look of other existing signs of the church. Rev. Boling explains how the church would like locals to experience the labyrinth and walking paths they have created. The Commission concludes that the proposed sign can be posted without negatively impacting the historic character of the area. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Mr. Barry, seconded by Ms. Hardy, and all other members present were in favor of the motion.

III. Committee Reports:

- a. HPC Ordinance Review – A subcommittee meeting will be scheduled with Attorney Sullivan to discuss comments provided by Attorney Rubin.
- b. Historic Survey – No update.

IV. Resolutions:

No resolutions to present.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from the April 20, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Mr. Szep seconded by Ms. Hodson. All members were in favor.

VI. Public Comment:

No one from the public in attendance.

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Mr. DeBold made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Hardy seconded the motion, and all present unanimously approved at approximately 8:00 PM.