

**Township of Bloomfield
Historic Preservation Commission
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, October 19, 2021
Meeting Held Remotely Via Zoom
Meeting commenced at approximately 7:02 PM**

I. Call to Order:

A. Reading of the Open Public Meetings Act.

B. Roll Call:

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

Also in attendance via Zoom:

Councilman Richard Rockwell, Commission Liaison
William C. Sullivan, Jr., Esq., Commission Attorney
Bonnie N. Flynn, Planning Director
Anyela Lopez, Commission Secretary
Applicants (listed below)

**Agenda presented out of order, it was presented as follows:

II. New Business:

Applications:

1. Application from Angela Morris regarding 29 Oak Street to replace an existing driveway on her property. The Commission heard testimony from the property owner Ms. Morris. The applicant testified that she proposes to replace the existing damaged asphalt driveway with Belgian Block granite. She also testified that (2) small sections of the driveway near the rear of the house will be paved with concrete. The color of the stone will be beige. The Commission concluded that the proposed driveway replacement will not impact the historic character of the area. A motion to approve the application as submitted was made by Commissioner Szep, seconded by Commissioner Barry, and all other members present were in favor of the motion.

2. Application from Michael Munley regarding 75 Beach Street to replace a backyard wooden deck on his property. The Commission heard testimony from the property owner Mr. Munley. The applicant testified to replace a backyard wooden deck that is in poor condition. He also testified that the deck will be expanded from dimensions of 16feet x 14feet to 19 feet x 14 feet, front to back. The deck will consist of Trex composite material. There will also be a wrap around stair which will be illuminated with LED lights. The Commission concluded that the proposed deck replacement will not impact the historic character of the area. A motion to approve the application was made by Commissioner Barry, seconded by Commissioner DeBold, and all other members present were in favor of the motion.

3. Application from Leonardo da Vinci International Academy of Learning, Inc. regarding 147 Broad Street and 67 Park Place (Bloomfield Presbyterian Church) to use a portion of an existing church building as a childcare center. The Commission heard testimony from Aileen Brennan, Esq. who represents the Applicant and Nicholas Colello, of Sionas Architecture. The Applicant is a lessee of a portion of the property at the Bloomfield Presbyterian Church. The Applicant proposes to use five (5) classrooms within an existing church building as a childcare center. The Applicant also proposes to remove existing memorial brick and paver walkways within a garden on the site to install an outdoor play area along with fencing. Exterior improvements will consist of restriping a small lot at the end of Church Street for student drop off and pick up and restriping

of spaces next to the Parish House for staff parking. An additional six (6) lamp posts will be added along a new path to match the existing lamp posts on the property. The Applicant also proposes to add a new fence on the north side, facing the church building. A bike rack will also be added to the north of the play area, which will be hidden from the public view. The Commission concluded that the proposed exterior improvements will not impact the historic character of the property and the Historic District. A motion to approve the application was made by Commissioner Barry, seconded by Commissioner Kenna, and all other members present were in favor of the motion.

4. Application from Blaise Pierre-Louis regarding 38 Beach Street to replace the first and second floor windows. Commissioner Szep made a motion to adjourn application, seconded by Commissioner Barry, all other members present were in favor of the motion. Mr. Pierre-Louis is to provide additional information obtain from Anderson Windows.

III. Committee Reports:

- a. HPC Ordinance Review – Additional review and discussion to take place regarding the scope of jurisdiction. Any additional update will be provided at next meeting.
- b. Historic Survey – Councilman Rockwell met with Kristen from RGA. Survey and recommendation to follow.

IV. Resolution:

- a. Commissioner Barry made a motion to approve and adopt Resolution No. 2021-15, granting approval of a Certificate of Appropriateness for the application submitted by Katherine M. Lordi, regarding 54 Fremont Street. Commissioner Hodson seconded. Commissioner DeBold abstained. All other members were in favor.

V. Approval of Minutes:

Approval of minutes from the September 21, 2021 meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Kenna, seconded by Commissioner Barry. All members were in favor.

VI. Public Comment:

No one from the public in attendance.

VII. Adjournment:

There being no further business, Commissioner Szep made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner DeBold seconded the motion, and all present unanimously approved at approximately 9:02 PM.