

Borough of Doylestown Zoning & Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Monday, July 11, 2022
Scheduled Time: 7:00 PM, Borough Council Chambers

Members present were Chairperson Tim Brennan, Dennis Livrone, and Amy Popkin, as well as Karyn Hyland, Director of Building & Zoning.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Zoning & Planning Committee was held on Monday, July 11, 2022, and was called to order by Mr. Brennan at 7:00 PM.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the May 9, 2022 and June 13, 2022 meetings were approved as submitted.

Zoning Hearing Board – None.

HARB Recommendations

Sign Applications

- 10 South Main Street, Artistic Eyewear – This application is to replace an existing awning business sign.
- 4 West Oakland Avenue, Le Macaron – Application for the existing a-frame sign was presented; permits were not required during the pandemic.
- 116 East Court Street, High Swartz – This business sign is designated to show parking behind the building along Garden Alley.

Building Applications

- 55 East State Street, Doylestown Masonic Lodge No. 245 – This application is to replace several windows in the front of the building and one in the rear of the building. The HARB did recommend approval as submitted after a lengthy discussion, although it was not a unanimous vote. Members would have preferred the applicant put more research into preserving the existing front windows. The windows will be duplicated to resemble the existing. Ms. Popkin expressed her concern over the loss of historic value by replacing the windows.
- 401 Maple Avenue, Christopher Candido – This application is to relocate the driveway and reorient the garage to have the garage doors face the street, and modify the second floor of the garage. This was recommended for approval by HARB.
- 24-26 Bridge Street, Jay Clauss & Narayan Acharya – This application includes the replacement of a wooden front porch, with a concrete deck covered by bluestone. The HARB recommended this for approval with the condition that the turned columns remain. The Committee discussed the desire to keep wood on the porch, historically.
- 163 East Ashland Street, Steven Eisenberg – This is a modified application, previously approved. The roof lines have changed a bit but the footprint of the renovation remains virtually the same.

Ordinances, Amendments & Resolutions

- Consideration of Ordinance 2022-6 Reducing Generator Setback Requirements – Last month, this ordinance was recommended for advertisement by Borough Council. On a motion from Mr. Brennan to approve ordinance, Mr. Livrone seconded, and all members voted in favor.

Subdivision and Land Development: None.

New/Old Business: Ms. Hyland reminded the Commission that the second Comprehensive Plan meeting is tomorrow.

Adjournment: The Committee voted to adjourn at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amy Kramer
Meeting Minutes Secretary