DOYLESTOWN BOROUGH HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 26, 2021

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Borough Historic and Architectural Review Board was held at 7:30 PM on Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Doylestown Borough Hall, 57 West Court Street. Members of the Doylestown Borough Historic and Architectural Review Board in attendance were: Denise Blasdale, Marie Kovach, Ralph Fey, Andy Happ, Kim Jacobsen, Amy Taylor Popkin, Student Member Jack Swartley, and Karyn Hyland, Director of Building and Zoning.

CALL TO ORDER: Ms. Jacobsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

MINUTES APPROVAL: On a motion from Ms. Blasdale, seconded by Mr. Happ, the July 2021 meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

SIGN APPLICATIONS:

67 North Broad Street, Think Communications Inc.

2ft x 2ft business sign, 2 inches thick by Bob Shaw, on a preexisting sign post. No illumination carved sandblasted wood. Solar lights are requested as long as there are no spillover or glare issues.

On a motion from Ms. Blasdale, seconded by Mr. Happ, all members in attendance voted to approve the application as originally submitted.

BUILDING APPLICATIONS:

10 East Court Street, Dermagrafix

The applicant did not attend the meeting. Without the details requested, the Board was unable to make a decision on this application and agreed to table it.

201 West Court Street, Antonio Devido

Jay Tunkle, contractor, and Antonio Devido presented the application to replace an existing garage window. Mr. Happ was concerned with the wood siding on the original garage as well as the proposed vinyl window, although the applicant stated the wood siding is in poor condition and will need to be replaced at some point in the future. This vinyl window is the only available window currently due to supply issues. The Board members noted typically they will discourage vinyl replacement windows and would prefer the applicant wait for an appropriate window.

The applicant was dissatisfied with this discussion and left the meeting prior to a vote. The Board agreed to table the application until and if the applicant returns.

105 East State Street, Roseann and Don Jones

Ellen Happ presented the application to replace basement windows with six-pane, Pella aluminum-clad casement windows. The planned color is Sand Dune, and all existing windows will be painted to match. The existing single panel shutters will be either painted cedar or painted composite, with new hardware matching the existing.

On a motion from Ms. Taylor Popkin, and seconded by Ms. Blasdale, the Board voted to approve the application as submitted and forward to Borough Council for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

127 West Ashland Street, Heather Mahaley & Yves Snoeckx

Heather and Yves presented their application to add an addition by enclosing a back porch and adding some square footage. The addition will be visible only from the rear alley in the winter. The existing siding is vinyl, and the applicants would like to match that. If not acceptable, a Hardie plank, painted to match could be chosen instead. The Board would prefer a Hardie plank siding. Given the age of the existing siding on the house, it would be appropriate to consider the material that would be used to replace it now or in the future. The door is planned to include a simulated divided light window.

On a motion from Ms. Blasdale and seconded by Ms. Taylor Popkin, the Board voted unanimously to accept the application with the use of smooth Hardie plank siding, and to forward it to Borough Council for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

76 North Hamilton Street, Cheryl Thrane

Cheryl Thrane provided information on her application to replace the existing porch roof with a standing seam metal in a dark burgundy.

On a motion from Ms. Blasdale, seconded by Mr. Happ, the Board voted unanimously to recommend a Certificate of Appropriateness to Borough Council for the application as submitted, with the note that the roof be in a prefinished burgundy or dark red.

91 West Ashland Street, Pat Taglioni

The owners presented an application to replace 12 windows on the upper two floors of this home. Initially, the application was for vinyl windows, but have changed their request to include Pella Lifestyle series, aluminum clad, wood windows, with the third floor windows in a simulated divided light to match.

On a motion from Ms. Blasdale, seconded by Ms. Taylor Popkin, the Board agreed to accept the application as amended to show the windows as listed above.

271 West Oakland Avenue, Wynne Wister

This applicant did not attend the meeting. The Board agreed to table the application as more detailed plans are needed to make a decision.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS: none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business before the Board, on a motion from Mr. Happ, and seconded by Ms. Blasdale, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Kramer Meeting Minutes Secretary