

## ALLENTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION REVIEW COMMISSION

Minutes for 4/15/21

The regular Meeting of the Allentown Historic Preservation Review Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Jan Meerwarth at 7:00 PM.

### SALUTE TO FLAG

### COMPLIANCE STATEMENT:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P. L. 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of this meeting by posting a Notice in a public place and by transmitting a notice in two newspapers, The Trenton Times and the Asbury Park Press as required by law.

### ROLL CALL:

Present: Allison Arnone, Jan Meerwarth, Frank Cincotta, Nancy Tindall, Kurt Wayton, David Bamford, Cindy Malsbury.

Absent excused: Brian Mojta, Wil Borkowski, Ed Dallas

Council Liaison present: none

### MINUTES

Minutes from the 2/18/21 meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Motion to approve minutes (as amended): Frank Cincotta

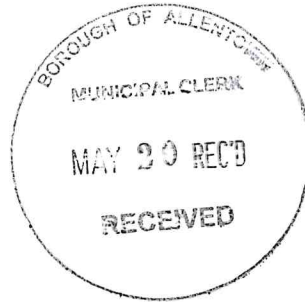
Second: Allison Arnone

A Voice Vote was taken

Ayes: all present

Nays: none

The Motion passed.



### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: (3) minutes per person on agenda items only.

- Public Participation. Name, address. Issue. None

### APPLICATIONS:

- 1. Above Ground Pool. 13 Pearl Street. Cheryl Johnston Willois.** Diagrams are shown and the homeowner discusses the stockade fence and notes that the pool is not visible from the street.
  - a. Nancy Tindall asks for a motion to approve. (Frank Cincotta 2nd). Motion Carried
- 2. Garage Renovation. 133 South Main St. Kathy Laurinitis. Description.** Application was for the improvements of an outbuilding (garage). Improvements will not be visible from the street. Ms. Arnone suggests drawings and more details would be helpful.
  - a. Motion to table approval until greater detail is provided by Ms Tindall (Allison Arnone 2nd). Motion Carried.
- 3. Siding, windows, door, front porch. 12 Pearl Street, Michael Rock.** Front porch will be reopened in order to match other properties on the street. The property has been derelict for a year. Windows are inoperable. Shingles are missing on the roof. Mr Rock provides details on his trim which will be vinyl but no J Channels will be used. In addition windows will be returned to the 6 over 6 design. If possible it is suggested that the steps to the front porch be placed

directly in front of the extant front door. Mr Rock is asked to consider hardie board exterior at least on the front of the building. Ms Tindall suggests that trim be added to the casing atop the window to be historically sensitive to the period. Ms. Arnone suggests to Mr. Rock that wood pillars and wood trim be used in lieu of vinyl. Also suggested is the use of natural material on the front porch's floor so as to not resemble deck boards.

- a. Motion to approve with suggestions Ms Arnone (Frank Cincotta 2nd). Motion carried.
- 4. Signage 28 South Main (Ivy on Main) are presented (Shop Owner not present) Ms Tindall asks for details re: the sign's materials. There are no objections to the design of the sign itself.
  - a. Nancy Tindall motioned to approve sign's appropriateness. (2nd Mr. Bamford).
    - Motion Carried.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Update on the Union AME historic marker. Phrasing is discussed. Adjustments to dates are discussed. Group will reach out to Rev. Smart and Ms Tindall will research the Hutchinson Papers.

#### **New Business:**

- Use variances are announced by Mrs Meerwarth.
  - 43 N. Main Street- for a wrap around porch.
    - Ms Tindall motion to approve a comment letter to the application in support of maintaining the prevailing historic patterns of development on North Main Street. (2nd Dave Bamford)
  - 20 Church Street. Paved parking spots are requested to be added. Ms Malsbury suggests that the playground equipment be obscured from the street view.
    - HPRC decides not to comment.
- Ms Meerwarth discusses land use ordinance updates.
- Mr. Cincotta asks for an update on the Borough's entry signage. The Borough is seeking grants to pay for the signs.

There being no further business, Chairperson Meerwarth declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20 PM

Motion to adjourn: Jan Meerwarth

Second: Kurt Wayton

Respectfully submitted by Kurt Wayton, Secretary