

TOWNSHIP OF MOORESTOWN APPEARANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes for the Meeting of February 16, 2022

PRESENT: Steve Chepurny, Pat Canton, Annette McGuire, Lisa Batts -Turner, Dave Donachy, Melissa McGrath, Gina Zegel, Wayne Urffer, Scott Hearn, D'Arcy DiSpirito

TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE: Patty Muscella

COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE: Sue Mamarella

CALL TO ORDER: Steve welcomed everyone and asked Patty to take attendance.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES: The committee reviewed the January minutes. Annette moved to approve the minutes with amendments and Dave seconded the movement. All approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Development Applications: None

Demolition: Review and Update re: 740 Stanwick Road Application

Sue told the committee that she had contacted Wolf Homes to gather information about moving the home to another location in town. The minimal cost would be approximately \$150,000 for a roughly 1.1 mile move with the structure being 12 feet up on the equipment. This would not include the cost of tree work and wire lifting which would be needed.

Pat said that she and her husband Paul spoke with Jillian, the homeowner and that Jillian does not want to move the home to another portion of the property. Pat also said it is not financially feasible for them to move the home to their lot on 2nd Street due to the above mentioned costs. Dave talked to a resident in town who may have a possible location for the home. Sue suggested that Dave introduce the resident to Jillian for further discussion.

Steve asked what it would cost to demolish the home and if the township is contracted with a demolition company for emergency services.

Gina asked if the 180 day stay had been imposed and Patty said that it automatically defaults to 180 days which brings the resolution of this application to the end of June.

No plans for the new home have been submitted by the homeowner to the township yet.

Dave suggested that the committee members should do all they can to facilitate helping to save this structure.

Salvaging components from the home was discussed, perhaps reusing stones for another purpose but Steve indicated that can increase the demolition cost.

Lisa asked if the age of the home had been established and D'Arcy said that public records show 1892.

Sign Application: Harmony Juice 41 East Main St.

The application was approved. The committee agreed that it was nicely done, clean, simple and conforms. Pat and Dave thought it looked very nice. It will replace the Starbucks sign.

Council Report:

Sue updated the committee about signage for Lenola / West Moorestown. The Historical Society is writing content for the signs. Steve suggested that Scott Hearn become involved in the writing and research with the Society.

Sue said that McCormack Taylor would like to use the design on the existing Township Welcome Signs which were designed in 2002 for the Moorestown Improvement Association. The signs will read: Welcome To Moorestown on the top line with The Lenola Neighborhood underneath on the second line. The committee liked that the design of the Lenola / West Moorestown signs will be consistent with the existing welcome signs currently in place at other entrances to town.

The township is continuing to work with the county regarding banners over the street. The banners will focus on historic architecture and sites. Gina suggested that she and Dave could design graphics for the banners for M&T to incorporate.

It was noted that Lenola and Moorestown were combined in 1922, marking 100 years. Sue said that McCormack Taylor is scheduled to present to the Town Council in March.

Historic Preservation:

Sue told the committee that she and Mayor Gillespie have reached out to Mayor Jim Malley of Collingwood and Senator Singleton to discuss and collect information regarding a NJ homeowners tax credit program for historic preservation of properties.

Open Discussion:

Pat asked about multiple TURN 7 signs placed at the intersection of Rt 38 & Lenola Rd as they are unsightly. Patty said that they were located in Maple Shade and that the Township had reached out to Maple Shade to see if they could do anything about enforcement.

Steve asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dave. The new secretary (D'Arcy) unfortunately did not make note of the time but promises to do better next time. The meeting ended at approximately 8:15 pm.

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022 @ 7PM in the Library Building

Respectfully submitted by D'Arcy DiSpirito