

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to the Lawrence Township Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

January 11, 2021

Opening of Meeting/Call to Order

The general meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to the Lawrence Township Planning Board was called to order at 7:32pm on January 11, 2021 via Zoom by Ed McDonald.

Roll Call

Members	Present	Absent	Time of arrival after meeting called to order
Joe Ciccone	X		
Joseph Como (Vice Chair)	X		
Denny Cox	X		
Wolf Hul	X		
Edward McDonald (Chair)	X		
John Pavlik	X		
Mike Powers (Liaison)		X	
Douglas Sargent	X		

1. Approval of December 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members	Made	Second	Yes	No	Abstain
Joe Ciccone			X		
Joseph Como (Vice Chair)			X		
Denny Cox			X		
Wolf Hul	X				
Edward McDonald (Chair)			X		
John Pavlik			X		
Douglas Sargent		X			

2. New Applications

a. Acacia Restaurant – 2637 Main St

A representative speaking on behalf of the property owner of 2637 Main St (The Lawrenceville School) and business owner (Acacia Restaurant) presented photographs of an installed replacement canopy with perimeter panels. The new +/- 14'-0" deep canopy replaced an existing +/- 5'-0" deep awning and was installed in August 2020 after receiving permit approval in July 2020 without HPAC review. The painted black, galvanized structure with vinyl fabric roof and removable side panels covers an existing outdoor patio and provides additional outdoor seating during the pandemic. Per requirements for outdoor dining during the pandemic, two of the side panels must remain open without being limited to a 25% seating capacity. The perimeter panels were described as being for seasonal use, November thru March/April, but the canopy and structure are permanent.

It was the committee's opinion that the perimeter side panels are appropriate until the end of the pandemic, but not forever. The HPAC feels that the side panels are not compatible with the rest of the Lawrenceville Historic District. The committee did not vote on the application because they wanted to understand why the HPAC did not review the application before receiving permit approval. Additionally, the committee wanted to give the business owner an opportunity to come before the HPAC and give a commitment that the side panels are temporary for seasonal use during the pandemic only and won't stay up year round once the pandemic restrictions are released.

3. New Business

Update to 2617 Main St Application

Ed McDonald talked to the head of facilities at The Lawrenceville School regarding the application for 2617 Main St that was discussed at the December 2020 HPAC meeting. It was explained to Ed that there was no driver from the Township to make any updates to the existing fire escapes and that the school was being proactive for the residents of the third-floor apartments. Ed suggested that the school talk to an architect who might be able to provide solutions that were more fitting with the architecture of the house. The school planned to get back to the HPAC in February.

Adjournment: Ed McDonald made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm on February 8, 2021 via UberConference.

Minutes submitted by: John Pavlik II, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP