

Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to the Lawrence Township Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021

Opening of Meeting/Call to Order

The special meeting of the Historic Preservation Advisory Committee to the Lawrence Township Planning Board was called to order at 7:36pm on August 26, 2021 in the Manager's Conference Room at the Lawrence Municipal Building 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 July 2021 Meeting Minutes

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

2. New Applications

a. 3030 Lawrence Road

Jamie Nester of Period Architecture presented the design for an addition and renovations to 3030 Lawrence Road, a key structure. The existing addition to the main house was built around 1950 and has fallen into disrepair. Referencing existing photos, the exterior of the existing addition is comprised mostly of wood clapboard with stone on the east elevation and a brick chimney. The existing addition will be removed and replaced with a new addition whose placement won't come any further north than the existing footprint of the current addition.

Exterior elevations and 3d renderings of the proposed addition, open breezeway, and garage were presented. The main exterior material is a 7" reveal wood siding with wood trim above a stone veneer foundation that would match the existing stone of the main house. The addition is proposed to have a slate roof to match the slate roof of the main house. The open breezeway connecting the new addition to the garage would have a copper roof and the garage is proposed to have a cedar roof. Triple pane windows are planned for the addition with the same proportioned glass as the windows on the main house.

On the main house, all windows will be replaced in kind. A new cornice will be added to the front and back elevation of the house. On the north elevation, a shallow pediment will be added above the front door, but it was noted that the existing half round window would remain. Gas lanterns would also be installed on either side of the front door. New half round gutters with copper leaders and leader boxes would be added with the date of the house and the addition on them respectively. It was noted that the slate roof on the existing main house would not be replaced.

On the west side of the main house, the roof of the existing porch will be replaced with a 6" cedar shake and the pitch would be slightly modified. The existing door will be replaced with a solid wood door and the existing windows will be replaced in kind. The existing stone on the porch will remain. The adjacent one-story spring house will also be updated with a new cedar roof.

A 4-foot stone site wall fronting 206 was described for sound and safety, but it has still not been determined if it is part of this project or not. The proposed stone would match the stone on the existing house and one tree would need to be removed to install the wall. The existing driveway would be removed and modified, but the existing curb cuts would remain. The proposed driveway would have cobble stone borders and strips, but the main material has not been decided yet. Additionally, gates would be added at both sides of the proposed driveway. The existing pool on site would remain.

Motion to Approve:

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

2. New Applications

b. 2681 Princeton Pike

John and Sheryl Hutchison presented planned exterior updates to 2681 Princeton Pike (Rising Sun Tavern), a key structure. The owners shared existing photos and material samples in support of their application. The main house wood siding, which is currently composed of several different dimensional reveals, would be replaced with a uniform 8" reveal Borel siding. All existing wood trim, soffits, and fascias would also be replaced using Borel. On the rear of the house, the existing lean-to porch, which was built in 1984 by the previous owner, would be removed. The existing gutters would be replaced with 6" half round gutters. When the topic of gutter guards was discussed, the committee recommended using a leaf filter in lieu of a gutter helmet, which would be more visible and not of the time period of the house. It was also noted that the original shutters on the house would remain.

On the existing 1980s garage at the rear of the property, the existing board and batten wood siding would also be replaced with the same 8" reveal Borel siding being used on the main house. The garage roof would also be replaced with Timberline Weathered Wood shingles.

Updates to the front porch were also discussed. The footprint of the porch would remain the same, but the Victorian scrolls on the columns would be removed and the columns would be replaced with a plain square post in a more federal style. A new standing seam roof would also be installed on the larger portion of the front porch roof.

Motion to Approve:

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

Adjournment: Ed McDonald made a motion to adjourn. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm.

There was no general meeting in September and October due to no new business. The next general meeting is scheduled for 7:30pm on November 8, 2021 in the Manager's Conference Room at the Lawrence Municipal Building.

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