

Warwick Township Historical Architectural Review Board meeting

20 November 2017

Present: Chairman Karl Snyder, Elaine Adams, Joe Boulanger, Peggy Galloway, Jill Snively, Linda Walters and Peter Zimmerman.

Absent: Jean Sauer

Karl Snyder called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Bob Johnson, Natural Lands Trust (NLT), was there to discuss the property owned by NLT at 2490 Harmonyville Road, Elverson, PA. The property is known as the Hartung House.

Mr. Johnson wanted to discuss the restoration and additions to the house. NLT has already removed the porches and 3 attached buildings that had prior approval of the HARB.

Mr. Johnson said he wanted "conceptual approval" before submitting architectural drawings. Mr. Johnson asked for approval from the HARB to begin work on the house.

Peter Zimmerman asked for a recess so the HARB could discuss the application in private. The HARB, after a lengthy private discussion, returned to the meeting and told Mr. Johnson, that they could not approve any work at this point because the application was not complete and should not have been submitted as such. Mr. Johnson was asked to return with full details of the work NLT would like to do.

The next topic was the proposal from Frens & Frens to create Design Guidelines for the Historical Properties in Warwick Township. The proposal was approved by all but one on the HARB. Jill Snively was opposed.

Several township residents expressed their concerns that the Guidelines would become regulations and create financial hardships for homeowners. Township resident Craig Sherk worried that homeowners would be unable to afford repairs called for in the new Guidelines. Karl Snyder said he welcomed their comments and would include their concerns when the Historical Commission meets with Frens and Frens. There are expected to be several meetings while the Guidelines are being created.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Walters

Historical Commission Vice-Chairman