

LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2016

Roll Call:

A meeting of the Laytonsville Historic District Commission (HDC) was called to order by Vice Chair Jill Ruspi at 7:35 p.m. Commission Members Charles Hendricks and Lisa Simonetti were present. Chair Sheree Wenger and Member Michele Shortley were absent.

Attendance:

Dustin Green, owner of 6924 Sundown Road, Laytonsville; John Pawaluk, senior warden of St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, Laytonsville; and Kevin Curran, president, and Jacob Cecere, member, of the Laytonsville Lions Club were present.

Minutes:

The minutes from the June 20, 2016 meeting were not available.

Preliminary Statement by Chair:

Vice Chair Ruspi read the preliminary statement.

New Business:

Vice Chair Ruspi opened the public hearing on Application HDWP 01-16 submitted by Dustin Green. The application was for the construction of a new two-foot-high stone retaining wall abutting the sidewalk on Sundown Road in front of Green's house, the installation of two new eight-foot-square garage doors on the east side of the accessory building at the south end of the property, and the installation of Solar City solar panels on the roof of the accessory building. Mr. Green answered questions from the Commission about his plans, but he was unable to provide specifics about the design of the solar panels he planned to install. No other members of the community offered to address the application. Member Hendricks moved to approve the portions of Application HDWP 01-16 relating to the stone retaining wall and the new garage door, subject to the approval of Chair Sheree Wenger, and to continue the hearing on the portion of the application relating to the installation of solar panels. Member Simonetti seconded the motion. **The motion carried unanimously.**

John Pawalak presented a sketch of a plan for a new handicap parking lot, 50 feet long by 20 feet wide, for five cars that St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church wished to offer to construct for the shared use of the church and the town. The new lot would be built adjacent to a widened driveway to the south of the church. The lot would be partly on the church's property and partly on the property of the town. Vice Chair Ruspi informed Mr. Pawalak that, as this plan involved the use of town property, it would need the approval of the Mayor and Council of the Town of Laytonsville before being considered by the Historic District Commission, and she suggested that he discuss it first with the mayor. She also recommended that the church consider the use of a permeable surface in any parking or resurfacing project.

Messrs. Curran and Cecere informed the Commission that the Laytonsville Lion's Club maintains a storage facility for medical equipment such as walkers and wheelchairs in the garage of the late Ed Mayne off Route 108 near Brookeville Road south of Laytonsville. The club would like to rebuild the large shed behind the Town Hall and to move its medical supplies into part of that building. Members of the Commission thanked the men for the report and encouraged them to go ahead and discuss the idea with the Mayor and Council, as they planned to do.

Adjournment: There being no further business, Member Simonetti made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Member Hendricks. **The motion carried unanimously.** The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

Charles Hendricks

Commission Member