

City of Orange Township
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes

October 21, 2020

The Secretary announced that this is a meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission of the City of Orange Township held via audio-video conferencing on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 7:34 p.m.

The Secretary asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Keith Carroll Arrived at 7:37 p.m.
Commissioner Kathy Dowd
Commissioner Jody Leight
Commissioner Janice Morrell
Commissioner Karen Wells

Also Present: Joyce L. Lanier, Secretary
Janine Bauer, Esq.

Absent: Commissioner Brandon Matthews
Commissioner Troy Simmons
Commissioner Abdiel Velez

The Secretary announced that the requirement of N.J.S.A. 10:4-9 et. seq., “Sunshine Law” has been met. A notice of this meeting was sent to the Star Ledger, published in the Record Transcript on July 30, 2020 posted on the City’s website (www.ci.orange.nj.us) and the Council’s website (www.orangetwpnjcc.org) and filed in the Office of the City Clerk.

MEETING MINUTES

- **August 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes** (*Commissioner Carroll was absent and should abstain*)

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Leight, second by Commissioner Dowd.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Kathy Dowd | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Jody Leight | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Brandon Matthews | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Janice Morrell | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Troy Simmons | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Abdiel Velez | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Karen Wells | X | | | | |

Motion passed.

- **September 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes**

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Dowd, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Kathy Dowd | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Jody Leight | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Brandon Matthews | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Janice Morrell | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Troy Simmons | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Abdiel Velez | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Karen Wells | X | | | | |

Motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING

The public will be allowed to question witnesses testifying on behalf of the Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, after the presentation is completed and after questions from the Commission. During the public hearing on the Application, the public will be allowed to comment on any new Certificate of Appropriation Application upon completion of the Applicant’s presentation and questions from the Commission. Each person addressing the Commission shall give his or her name and address in an audible tone for the record, and unless further time is granted by the presiding officer shall limit his or her address to five (5) minutes unless the comments are repetitive of other witnesses in which case the presiding officer may further limit the comment period.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 288 Main Street, Orange, N.J. (Custom reface and refurbish of the existing pylon sign and two signs. Replace door vinyl and parking lot signs same size and locations.)**

Mike McKeon, Vice President of M&T Bank testified that M & T Bank is changing its logo and appearance of its signage for aesthetic reasons and that the existing signage needs to be replaced, together with parking plaques, and door signage for that reason. that they want to reface and refurbish the sign since they have modified their logo.

Attorney Bauer inquired regarding parking and towing. Mr. McKeon confirmed that the bank does not enforce towing.

The Secretary inquired if there were any citizens who wished to speak. No citizens commented.

Motion to grant Certificate of Appropriateness to M & T Bank and Image One Industries, LLC for signage at the property at 288 Main Street in the City of Orange Township, N.J., Block 2802, Lot 1 on the City of Orange Township tax map, to replace the existing signs with new signs per the plans submitted by Commissioner Leight, second by Commissioner Carroll.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Kathy Dowd | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Jody Leight | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Brandon Matthews | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Janice Morrell | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Troy Simmons | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Abdiel Velez | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Karen Wells | X | | | | |

Motion passed.

B. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 171-173 Main Street, Orange, N.J. (Replace roof – flat surface not visible.)

Mr. Rafael Bernal testified that the existing roof is flat and needs to be replaced. He further testified that the replacement roof will also be flat, and that the type of material to be used is a flat rubber-type roof material made by GAF. Lastly, Mr. Bernal testified that the replacement roof, like the existing roof, will not be visible from the street or any public right of way.

Attorney Bauer recommends a certificate of no effect based on Rafael Bernal’s testimony.

Motion to grant Certificate of No Effect to Rafael Bernal for his property at 171-173 Main Street in the City of Orange Township, N.J., Block 1902, Lot 14 on the City of Orange Township tax map, to replace the roof which is flat and the replacement will not be visible from the street or any public right of way issue a certificate of no effect by Commissioner Carroll, second by Commissioner Dowd.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Kathy Dowd | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Jody Leight | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Brandon Matthews | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Janice Morrell | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Troy Simmons | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Abdiel Velez | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Karen Wells | X | | | | |

Motion passed.

C. Certificate of Appropriateness Application – 540 Forest Street, Orange, N.J. (Installation of roof mounted solar systems)

The applicant did not appear; therefore, this application will be rescheduled to the next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020

RESOLUTION

1-2020 **A REVISED RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS FOR 481 LINCOLN PLACE, CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP, N.J., WHICH IS BLOCK 5902, LOT 17, ON THE CITY OF ORANGE TOWNSHIP TAX MAP, TO CONSTRUCT A PARKING SPACE AND DRIVEWAY AND TO PLACE THE ENTRANCE STAIRWAY IN THE MIDDLE OF THE HOUSE PORCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLAN SUBMITTED WITH THE REVISED APPLICATION. (Postponed from the January 15, 2020 Agenda)**

Motion to adopt by Commissioner Carroll, second by Commissioner Leight.

Roll Call

| | <u>Yea</u> | <u>Nay</u> | <u>Abstained</u> | <u>Absent</u> | <u>NP</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Commissioner Keith Carroll | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Kathy Dowd | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Jody Leight | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Brandon Matthews | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Janice Morrell | X | | | | |
| Commissioner Troy Simmons | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Abdiel Velez | | | | X | |
| Commissioner Karen Wells | | | X | | |

Motion passed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. ZONING OFFICER APPROVAL: None.

PENDING BUSINESS

The following topics were discussed:

- The Secretary recommended the Historic Preservation Commission submit a written response regarding the Main Street Project.
- The Secretary reported that the HPC grant application is being reviewed.
- The Commissioners expressed the following concerns regarding the Main Street Project:
 - o Mayor’s confirmation that residents will have an opportunity to comment on the Main Street Project and proper public notice to inform residents.
 - o How monies will be spent on the project.
 - o Repaving of streets by utility companies.
 - o Traffic study of Main Street.
- The Secretary urged the Commissioners to reach out to her and report any construction projects in the Historic District that have not come before the HPC and she will report to the Construction Official.
- Demotion of 47-51 Hillyer Street

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Carroll, second by Commissioner Leight.
Motion was unanimously approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.**

The next Historic Preservation Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020 virtually at 7:30 p.m.

APPROVED: November 18, 2020

**Joyce L. Lanier
Secretary**

**Keith Carroll
Acting Chair**