HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Members Present:	Ryan Weaver	Len Ferber
	Steve VanOrmer	Eldon Stoltzfus
	Tom Lainhoff	Lori Troiano
Others Present:	Christine Moore, Admin. As Joseph Deevy	st. JR Johnson

<u>Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag</u>: The meeting was held at the Strasburg Borough Municipal Offices, 145 Precision Avenue, Strasburg PA was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Ryan Weaver, followed by the salute to the flag. Prior to the meeting, Pete Kingsley Jr. notified the office that he was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comment: None.

<u>Consider a motion to approve the minutes of January 2, 2024</u>: A motion was made by Len Ferber, seconded by Lori Troiano, and passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2024 meeting as printed.

Because he is the applicant for the next agenda item, Ryan Weaver turned the chair over to Vice Chair, Len Ferber.

<u>Consider a motion regarding the application of 148 East Main Street for doors</u>: Ryan Weaver, representing Radicle Investments (owner of 148 East Main Street), was in attendance and stated that he read the minutes and was updated by Tyler Martin regarding the discussion that took place at last month's meeting. Ryan Weaver apologized that he was unable to attend that meeting because he was at a Zoning Hearing in Pequea Township.

He stated that their application is to replace two side doors on the rear addition of the building with 6-panel fiberglass doors. He added that these rear doors are difficult to be seen from the street. He noted that the log house received zoning approval to be used as short-term rentals and the doors do not seal well, the locks are old, and the keys break. They plan to install the same keyless locks that are used at the Carriage House. Mr. Weaver stated that the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation Standard #1 states that "A property will be used as it was historically or be given a new use that requires minimal change to its distinctive materials, features, spaces and spatial relationships." He stated that with the new use for the historic building, this is a minimal change that maintains the defining characteristics of the building. He also stated that since the two existing doors do not match that they were not original to the addition. He went on to state that the National Park Service's Preservation Brief 16 allows for consideration of replacement materials when it is a secondary feature and has very limited visibility. He reminded the members that in the past the Borough Manager has encouraged the Board to have flexibility because we defeat the whole purpose of what we are trying to do if we are not flexible. He added that the Board needs to be thoughtful about the National Park Service's Preservation Brief 16.

Tom Lainhoff stated that since the doors are not deteriorated, they should be restored or replaced with wooden doors following the standards. He also stated that the Preservation Brief 16 talks about not using plastic wood with fake grain and he believes the wooden doors will be similarly priced to the proposed fiberglass doors.

Lori Troiano and Steve VanOrmer asked if the Board is supposed to be using the regular Standards for Rehabilitation or if we are supposed to be following the Preservation Briefs. Ryan Weaver and Eldon Stoltzfus stated that it is their understanding that the briefs are to provide additional information to clarify the standards since the brief was put out by the same organization that wrote the standards. Steve VanOrmer stated that the Board has not been notified that they are supposed to be using a new standard and believes we should continue to review applications the same as we have done in the past. The staff will obtain clarification from the PHMC.

Len Ferber stated that he believes the doors should be wooden doors and not a synthetic material.

Lori Troiano stated that historical actions of the board were that if a historical feature was to be replaced that it should be replaced with the same material.

Steve VanOrmer stated that he believes the log cabin deserves special attention as a historic house and does not want HARB to set a precedence with allowing fiberglass doors.

Ryan Weaver stated that they are willing to use smooth fiberglass doors but does not want replacement wooden doors because he does not know the price of the wooden doors and is concerned about the durability of a new-wood door.

Lori Troiano made a motion to recommend Borough Council deny the application of Radicle Investments LLC, owners of 148 East Main Street, to replace two existing wooden doors at the rear entry to the log house with fiberglass doors, noting that this recommendation is being done to remain consistent with previous Board actions, which is in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation Standard 36 CFR 67 Standard Number 6. Tom Lainhoff seconded the motion and motion carried with members Ferber, VanOrmer, Lainhoff, and Troiano casting assenting votes. Member Stoltzfus cast a dissenting vote and member Weaver abstained from voting because he is the applicant.

The chair was returned to Ryan Weaver at this time.

<u>Consider a motion regarding the 2023 Certified Local Government Annual Report</u>: A motion was made by Len Ferber, seconded by Eldon Stoltzfus and passed unanimously to accept the 2023 Certified Local Government Annual Report and forward to Borough Council.

<u>Consider a motion regarding the 4/4/2023 Interim Historic Inventory Update</u>: The members thanked Tom Lainhoff for his work in preparing the interim update. Ryan Weaver stated that the Borough Manager recommended the interim update be reviewed and approved because the comprehensive historic inventory update with the Historic Preservation Trust's assistance is taking longer than expected. A motion was made by Len Ferber, seconded by Eldon Stoltzfus and passed unanimously to approve the 4/4/2023 interim historic inventory update.

Other Business: Ryan Weaver stated that the Borough received two proposals from vendors for the creation of Historic Design Guidelines, which will be funded by the PHMC grant funds. He stated that the Borough's Ad-hoc committee will review the proposals.

Public Comment: JR Johnson, owner of 14 East Main Street, was in attendance and stated that he wanted to obtain the Board's input on some future projects at his house, including replacing his existing slate roof, a railing, painting a sign on his front glass windows, and masonry brick work. Tom Lainhoff stated that fiberglass shingles would be permitted to replace the slate roof. Steve VanOrmer suggested he look in a book titled *Early Homes of Pennsylvania* to choose a

railing he likes. Masonry contractors were discussed and a few were suggested for him to research and consider. He was advised that the sign on the front glass windows is a Zoning issue and he will contact the Zoning Officer. Mr. Johnson will compile an application and submit for future consideration.

<u>Adjournment</u>: A motion was made by Len Ferber, seconded by Steve VanOrmer and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Moore Administrative Assistant