

**DERRY TOWNSHIP DESIGN ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 29, 2015**

The Monday, June 29, 2015 meeting of the Derry Township Design Advisory Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Ed Buchan in the Meeting Room of the Derry Township Municipal Complex, 600 Clearwater Road, Hershey, PA.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Ed Buchan, Chairman; Joyce St. John, Vice Chairwoman; Sandy Ballard, Secretary; Pam Moore; Brian O'Day; Ted Herman

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Chuck Emerick, Director of Community Development; Brandon Williams, Assistant Director of Community Development; Jenelle Stumpf, Community Development Secretary

Public registering attendance: Jennifer Paul; Ronald Paul

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Member Herman, seconded by Vice Chairwoman St. John, and a unanimous vote, the minutes of the May 18, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of a fence at 528 West Chocolate Avenue (Jennifer Paul; DRB #362)

Brandon Williams reported that the applicant is proposing to install a 6-foot-high wooden stockade fence on the east side of her property. The guidelines for the Chocolate Avenue Preservation Overlay district recommend that stockade fencing be discouraged. The Township's planning consultant, Chris Brown of Derck & Edson, reviewed the proposal and recommended that the fence panel facing West Chocolate Avenue be proposed as a picket fence instead.

Ron Paul spoke on behalf of his daughter. They do not want to have to install the fence but the neighbor's dog has viciously attacked one of his daughter's dog on more than one occasion. They are concerned that Jennifer's small dogs could escape the property through the picket fence panel and because of this, Mr. Paul requested that the stockade fence be permitted. The applicant is willing to provide landscaping to screen the view of the fence from West Chocolate Avenue.

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Vice Chairwoman St. John asked what the spacing is between the slats of a picket fence. Mr. Williams responded that would have to be determined with the fence installer.

Secretary Ballard appreciates the concept of placing flowering bushes in front of the section of the fence facing West Chocolate Avenue. She thinks it would look worse if the applicant installed chicken wire on the inside of the fence as a result of having to provide a picket fence in the front.

Member O'Day recused himself from the discussion and vote on the proposal, as he knows Ms. Paul personally and professionally.

Member Herman thinks that mixing the fence styles might end up looking worse than having a stockade fence. Vice Chairwoman St. John added that the proposed vegetation will break up the solid look of the stockade fence.

Chairman Buchan stated that he does not have an issue with the proposal as presented, provided the applicant installs landscaping along the fence panel facing West Chocolate Avenue.

Motion

Member Moore made a motion that the Design Advisory Board issue a Recommendation of Appropriateness for the proposal as presented, with the condition that the applicant provide landscaping to screen the view of the fence from West Chocolate Avenue. The landscaping shall consist of a minimum of 2 plants and a berm. The overall height of the landscaping, including the berm, shall be at least 4 feet so that within a year of growth, no more than 2 feet of the top of the fence is exposed. The motion was seconded by Secretary Ballard and passed by a majority vote (Member O'Day recused).

OTHER BUSINESS

Secretary Ballard commented that the Design Advisory Board might be interested in reviewing the draft Comprehensive Plan and participating in the discussion at the July 7, 2015 Planning Commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Chairman