

Historic Preservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
August 13, 2024

- **Call to Order**

Pat Fisher-Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. She announced that all laws governing the Open Public Meetings Act have been met, and that this meeting had been duly advertised. The meeting was held at the Readington Township Municipal Building.

- **Roll Call**

In attendance were Commissioners Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Chuck Waters, and Alternate Commissioner Marie Almer. Commissioner Steve Nees and Alternate Commissioner Scott Barton were absent.

- **Historic Preservation Commission Design Reviews**

*Three Bridges District*

BI 93 L 82

Review: Pool Fence Replacement

The application relates to the removal of the existing rail and chain link fence surrounding the pool and the installation of a black aluminum fence. The fence will follow the existing fence line and will include two four-foot wide arched gates with decorative ball caps, one four foot wide straight top gate and one eight foot wide straight top gate. All four gates will be self-closing with Magnda Latches. The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted. Chuck Waters seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Chuck Waters, and Marie Almer.

*Pleasant Run Historic District*

BI 64 L 36

Review: New Pole Barn and Fencing

The application relates to (i) the erection of a 48 foot wide by 13 foot high by 30 foot deep single story pole barn at the rear of the property; (ii) the installation of 690 feet of black steel deer fencing along the property line; and (iii) the construction of a crushed stone driveway.

The barn will have an ash grey corrugated metal roof and a 10 foot projection. Access will be via three 10 foot by 9 foot overhung garage doors across the front and a 9-lite door at the left side. The structure will have three windows on the rear and right side and two windows on the left. The barn will be sided in red with white trim.

The black steel deer fencing will be affixed to wooden posts and run along the property line to meet the existing deer fence at the west side of the property. Two 6 foot aluminum entry gates mounted on steel posts with a 4 foot wide panel to the right and a 6 foot wide panel to the left will provide access to the barn. A new crushed stone driveway will lead from the entry gates to the barn.

The commissioners discussed the application.

Motion made by Alan Harwick to approve the application as submitted. Sarah John seconded the motion. Motion approved by: Pat Fisher-Olsen, Alan Harwick, Erin Brennan, Jim Carden, Sarah John, Chuck Waters, and Marie Almer.

- **Minutes**

- *July 9, 2024:* Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Alan Harwick and seconded by Jim Carden. All were in favor.

- **Other Business.**

- *Readington Village Historic District Sign:* The sign was able to be replaced and it is now with the Department of Public Works (“DPW”). The DPW will install the sign.
- *Taylor’s Mill:* The Township received insurance proceeds of approximately \$26,000 to cover repointing the stones damaged during the earthquake. Lewis and Graham will do the work. Also representatives of the NJ Historic Trust came to the mill as part of their site inspections of potential grant recipients. Pat Fisher-Olsen, Sarah John and Mike Hanrahan met with them. The recipients of the Historic Trust grants will be notified at the end of September.

- **Public Comment.** None

- **Adjourn.** Sarah John made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Harwick seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Erin Brennan.