

**Meeting Minutes  
State College Borough  
Historic Resources Commission  
August 16, 2016**

The State College Borough Historic Resources Commission (HRC) met on Tuesday, August 16, 2016 in the State College Borough Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street in Room 241. Chairman Boeldt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**Members Present**

Eric Boeldt, Chairman; Susan Bardo, Gary Patterson and Eric White

**Others Present**

Anne Messner, Planner/Zoning Officer; Jenna Wargo, Planner and Denise Rhoads, Staff Assistant

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion to approve the July 12, 2016 minutes as submitted was made by Dr. White and seconded by Ms. Bardo. The vote was unanimously in favor.

**Chair Report**

Chairman Boeldt stated Council decided at their meeting last night to merge the Design Review Board (DRB) and the HRC starting January 1, 2017.

Mr. Patterson asked what the new Board would be called. Ms. Messner stated it will be called the Design and Historic Review Board.

**Public Hour**

No one was in the audience who wished to discuss matters not on the agenda.

**Work Program**

Historical Architectural Review Board (HARB) review and discussion

Chairman Boeldt discussed, briefly, some edits he made regarding the HARB for today's meeting.

Ms. Messner stated she sent the draft HARB to the Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC) and will wait on their response.

Ms. Bardo asked what the turnaround time is for a response. Ms. Messner stated she did not have any idea.

Dr. White asked, when this new Board is set up, could they decide they are not interested in compiling a HARB. Ms. Messner stated it is possible.

### Design Review Guideline Discussion

Dr. White stated he reviewed several different guidelines from different areas and felt some were too lengthy. He noted this could be a project for a graduate student to put together.

There was some discussion regarding liking Mechanicsburg's design guidelines with their plentiful graphics.

Ms. Bardo stated she likes the all-inclusive manual type of design guidelines.

Chairman Boeldt stated he likes the shorter versions that he found online.

Ms. Messner noted the ordinance has some items to refer to, but there could be some value to having additional items. She suggested there could be periodic revisions.

Chairman Boeldt drafted a short review suggesting what kind of minimal information that would be required in a design guideline.

It is the general consensus of the Commission that using links to direct someone to pertinent information would be more useful than writing a guideline in detail.

There was some suggestion of dividing the guidelines into Part 1 and Part 2. Part 1 being the compliance process and Part 2 being the application process.

Chairman Boeldt stated there is a Planning Commission member that is willing to help write Part 1 of this design guideline. He also noted it would be helpful if someone else could write Part 2 of this guideline.

Dr. White also suggested using three or four other area design guidelines, as a starting point, to form our guidelines. He also suggested using some information from our walking tour brochures.

### **Official Reports and Correspondence**

Planning Commission (PC): Ms. Messner reported the PC will review a land development plan regarding the Penn State University (PSU) Nursing Building on East College Avenue.

Borough Council (BC): Ms. Messner reported Council met last night and approved the merger of the DRB and HRC. They also approved the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). They also want to take next year and review all of the Borough's parks. Ms. Messner noted our new Police Chief, John Gardner was sworn in.

Design Review Board (DRB): Ms. Messner reported the DRB met today and reviewed a land development plan regarding the Penn State University (PSU) Nursing Building on East College Avenue.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. was made by Ms. Bardo.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Denise L. Rhoads, Staff Assistant