Laytonsville Historic District Commission Meeting Minutes, September 20, 2021

**LAYTONSVILLE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**

**Videoconference Meeting Minutes**

**Monday September 20, 2021**

**Present:**

Charles Hendricks, Chair

Andy Drouliskos

Michael McDonald

Jill Ruspi

Jennifer Sizemore

**Absent:**

Michele Shortley, Alternate

**Attendees:**

Mary Burke, Secretary

**Opening:** Chair Hendricks called the meeting to order at 7:35. He noted that a quorum was present.

**New Business:**

Approval of minutes from July meeting: Member Ruspi made a motion to approve the minutes as edited. Member Drouliskos seconded and all approved.

Preliminary discussion of Work Permit Application 03-21 for the installation of a new fence at 7111 Brink Road: Jill Ruspi stated that the fence will be similar to the neighbor’s picket fence. At this time the Ruspis are struggling to find a contractor. The height of the fence will mirror the neighbor’s fence. There are two trees on the property line that the fence will need to be built around. The fence will not be painted, but a preservative will be used. The fence will be installed on the property line. They have discussed this with the Maurers. There will be a public hearing on October 18 for this work permit.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**Open Forum:**

* + Member McDonald asked about the property that is between his house and his Brink Road neighbor. It is unkempt, and he was wondering who owned it and who should maintain it. It is owned by the Brink Road neighbor. It was noted that there are rules regarding maintenance of property and that the Mayor is the person to enforce them.
  + Mayor Ruspi was going to submit a fine to the owner of 21528 Laytonsville Road for cutting down a tree without a permit.
  + The Erdle Automotive property is for lease.
  + Chair Hendricks received a message from an agent for the owner of the empty lot on Laytonsville Road. The owner would like to build a house further back on the property and does not want the detached garage that was previously approved. This has not yet gone before the Town Council. In Member Ruspi’s opinion, the county will need to be involved because the plan was approved so long ago. Member Drouliskos observed that the county will have to approve the water-management plan for the relocated house. The agent for the owner should be aware of the legal steps for an amended site plan.
  + Work continues on the interior of the Rolling Ridge house. The tobacco barn on the property was discussed. It is deteriorating and there is concern that the owner of the property is not aware of this. Member Drouliskos will attempt to contact the owner, discuss the state of the tobacco barn, and share with him the historical significance and value of the property.

**Miscellaneous:** Chair Hendricks stated that the next HDC Meeting will be held October 18, 2021.

Member Sizemore moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:48. Member McDonald seconded, and all approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Burke