



TOWNSHIP OF EAST FALLOWFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA APRIL 3, 2024

- I. **Call to Order**
- II. **Roll Call**
- III. **Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting**
- IV. **Discussion of Open Issues**
 - **Missing Historical Commission Records**
 - Copies of Jane Dorchester's research were donated and have been retained by Chester County archives. Arrangements made to retrieve copies, which is ongoing.
 - Several binders have been recreated, other copies located and placed in the filing cabinet.
 - **Community Park – Strunk Fallout Shelter**
 - Chad Peterson to retake photo survey if access can be provided.
 - **30 Loop Road**
 - A parcel 47-7-29, a Township Class I historic resource, listed in the National Register; Ercildoun Historic District, formerly known as the James Fulton Tenant House. Property included in the National Register Ercildoun Historic District, and as such, all renovations must adhere to Zoning regulations for historic districts. The owner has undertaken extensive interior demolition and other work.
 - **EFTHC had voted to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that a Certificate of Appropriateness be issued for the roof emplacement only, having not received submittals for windows or other materials, allowing the Code Enforcement Officer to issue a building permit for the roof.**
 1. **The Board of Supervisors decided to defer the issuance of a Certificate of Appropriateness until such time as the Historical Commission has reviewed and approved of all of the materials proposed for use in the renovation.**
 2. **Supervisor John Nielsen questioned if the front entry door would be replaced as a part of the renovation, the existing door does not appear to be appropriate for the age of the structure. A submittal for a door was requested of the owner's representative (see attached)**
 - **It was noted at the last meeting that the submitted permit application was not completely filled out. The Board of Supervisors stated that the Code Enforcement Officer should request a completed application from the owner.**

- **Owner's representative has provided material submittals for proposed windows and front entry door (see attached)**

- **2960 Strasburg Road**
 - Tax parcel 47-4-96-E, a Class II Township historic resource, formerly a one-room schoolhouse, and Mt. Carmel Church. A new split cedar shake roof has been installed, as well as some demolition and general clean-up activities.
 - EFTHC recommended that renovation could commence subject to the owner using the window selections provided and reviewed.
 - A letter endorsing the proposed adaptive reuse of the building with conditions for zoning hearing board was prepared. Letter to be provided to the Board at such time as a hearing is scheduled for the variance petition. Proposed draft copy is attached.
 - Owner's rep requested information on conditional support (see attached)

- **America250 PA Chester County 250 Commission**
 - The Historical Commission has been asked to participate with the county activities scheduled for the nation's 250th anniversary
 - **BOS received the Historical Commission letter encouraging participation in América 250 program at county level (see attached). BOS decided to review the information and table a vote until the next meeting.**

- **Certified Local Government (CLG)**
 - Further investigation as to costs and value to the Township being evaluated.

- **East Fallowfield Elementary School**
 - Presently scheduled for demolition by the Coatesville School District
 - Presently an organized effort to save the structure and nominate it for National Register of Historic Places, possibly arrange for adaptive reuse.
 - **It was determined that the school is included in the Township's inventory of historic resources as a Class 2 property.**
 - The East Fallowfield Elementary School was built in 1939, replacing six brick school houses in the Township with a WPA matching grant. *"The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was an ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest days of the Great Depression. Over its eight years of existence, the WPA put roughly 8.5 million Americans to work building schools, hospitals, roads and other public works."*
 - The Township Municipal Building Committee is considering doing a feasibility study for the East Fallowfield elementary school to convert it to a township building. The committee is looking for some feedback from the Historical Commission on the significance of the building/property and any historical-related input regarding its proposed use as a municipal building. The Township Manager has requested the EFTHC to provide input on the building.

V. New Business

- **Suggestions for best means to support the America 250PA program**
- **Cataloguing file cabinet contents**

VI. Attachments

- **See below**

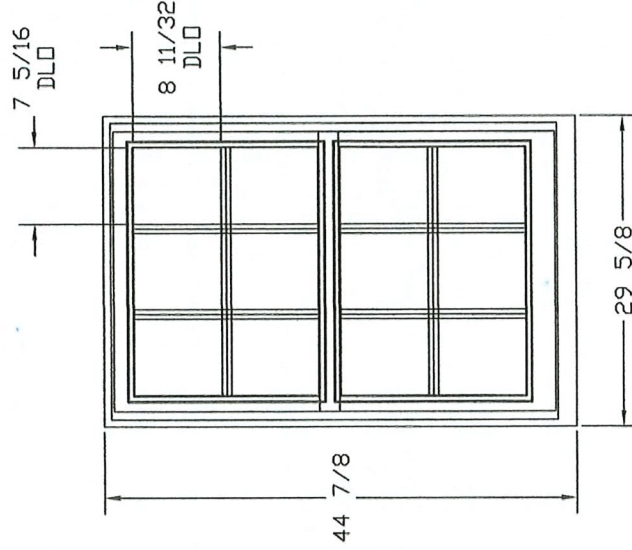
VII. Motion to Adjourn

Attachment 1 – 30 Loop Road – Proposed Window

JELDOWEN WINDOWS & DOORS <small>Window Division - Bend</small>	CUSTOMER NAME:	WALTER & JACKSON	BAR ALIGNMENT?	NO	SCHED. DATE:	LINE #	ORDER #
	CUSTOMER P.O.:	03/06/24	REVISED DWG:				DWG #:
						BY:	MSA
						CHK'D BY:	

CUSTOM DOUBLE HUNG
 WOOD with CONCEALED TILT LATCH
 with STD BTM RL
 LOCK LOCATION = 13 11/32

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 ILLUSTRATION ONLY

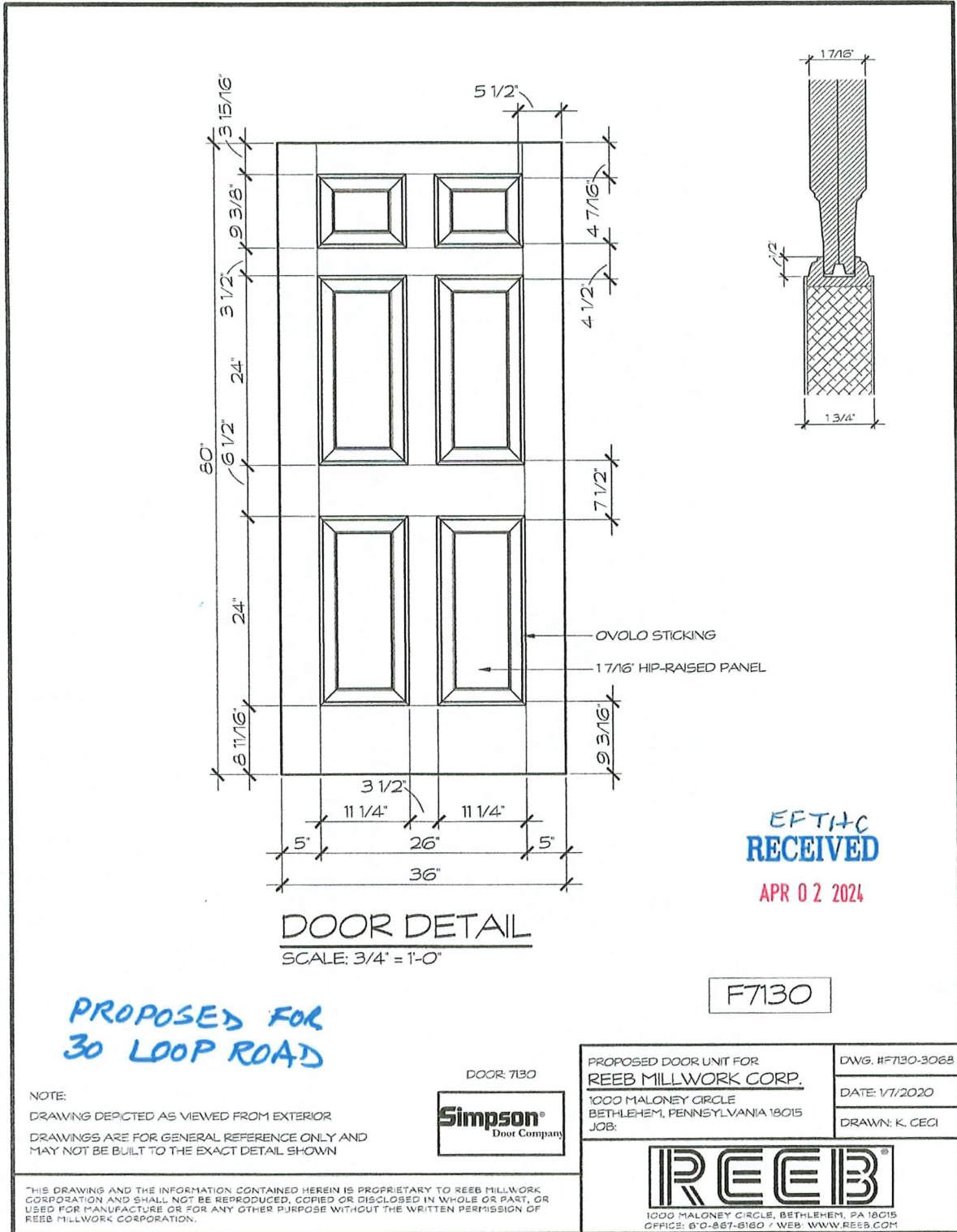


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CUSTOM DOUBLE HUNG
 R.D. = 30 3/8 X 45 5/8
 BRICKMOULD & SILLNOSE
 WOOD IWIG
 7/8" WOOD PUTTY SDL
 GLASS SIZE: _____
 GLASS COLOR: _____
 UNIT QTY.: _____

PROPOSED FOR 30 LOOP ROAD

Attachment 2 – 30 Loop Road – Proposed Front Entry Door



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Attachment 3 – email re conditions for support

Re: 2960 Strasburg Road

Joe McCormick

From: j.mccormick318@verizon.net

To: bcodes@verizon.net

Thu, Mar 28 at 8:40 AM

Conditional support includes adherence to renovations performed as submitted and approved, zoning ch 27 requirements pertaining to signage, scenic vistas, impervious surface placement, and other requirements as pertain to R-2 zoning

On Thursday, March 28, 2024, 7:55 AM, bcodes@verizon.net <bcodes@verizon.net> wrote:

thank you!

what is the condition?

On Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 07:35:10 AM EDT, Joe McCormick <j.mccormick318@verizon.net> wrote:

Please see attached message sent 2/26/24

Begin forwarded message:

On Monday, February 26, 2024, 1:55 PM, Joe McCormick <j.mccormick318@verizon.net> wrote:

Gentlemen;

At the recent Historical Commission meeting, the Commission agreed to conditionally support your plan to seek a change in use variance for the above property to be used as office space. A letter of support will be provided to the Zoning Hearing Board at such time as a hearing is scheduled for your appeal. You will be provided with a copy of the letter at that time.

Please feel free to contact the Historical Commission with any questions.

Joe McCormick
Chair
East Fallowfield Township
HistoricalCommission
