

Township of West Orange
Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes – April 29, 2021

Notice of the date, time, and location of this meeting was given to the Township Clerk, was advertised in the *West Orange Chronicle*, and has been posted on the Township Bulletin Board and the Township Website in accordance with the requirements of the New Jersey Open Public Records Meetings Act. Notification was also made that the meeting would be a virtual meeting, including all details for the public to join the meeting as a video or audio conference.

- 1) The meeting, held via Zoom, was called to order at 7:08 P.M. Commissioners Feeney, Feitlowitz, Ficarotta, Irvis, and Wosh were present. Commissioners Forseth, McConnell, and Drill were absent. Rita DiMatteo, a Trustee of Llewellyn Park, also attended.

- 2) The next regular Commission meeting will be held via Zoom on May 12 at 7 P.M.

- 3) The Commission considered the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Llewellyn Park Gatehouse project, which was revised based on discussions at the April 14 meeting. Rita DiMatteo confirmed that the certificate's conditions, including the new revisions, were reviewed and approved by attorney(s) for Llewellyn Park. Commissioner Feeney pointed out that the language regarding the Township's rights regarding use of images from the project included electronic use. Ms. DiMatteo agreed.

Chairperson Feeney read the Certificate of Appropriateness into the record and called for a vote. Commissioners Feitlowitz, Ficarotta, Irvis, Wosh, and Feeney all voted aye. Commissioner McConnell also submitted a proxy aye vote, and the Certificate was thereby approved 6-0.

- 4) Commissioner Feitlowitz moved to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner Irvis seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.



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CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

OF REGULATED ACTIVITIES TO BE CONDUCTED WITH RESPECT TO
A HISTORIC LANDMARK OR SITE, OR TO A STRUCTURE WITHIN A HISTORIC DISTRICT

The West Orange Historic Preservation Commission ("Commission") has examined and considered an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, along with supporting documents, filed with the Township by the Trustees of Llewellyn Park and the Llewellyn Park Committee of Mangers ("Applicant"); the application details the restoration work that has been proposed for the Llewellyn Park Gatehouse. The Gatehouse, located at the entrance to Llewellyn Park, is considered a contributing resource to the Llewellyn Park Historic District, a district that is listed on the State and National Register of Historic Places. The Gatehouse has also been designated a Local Historic Landmark by the Township of West Orange.

Representatives from the Trustees of Llewellyn Park and the Llewellyn Park Committee of Mangers presented the application and proposed restoration plan at the March 10, 2021 meeting of the Commission. The Commission and the Applicant provided public notice of the Commission's intent to give final consideration to the application at an April 29, 2021 public meeting, at which time public comment was sought to help inform the Commission's decision.

The Commission, pursuant to Section 25-30.4 of the Township's Revised General Ordinances, is guided by the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation of Historic Buildings ("Standards".) After careful consideration of the proposed restoration work and review and consideration of the Standards, the Commission has concluded that the Applicant's proposed work is appropriate as defined by the Standards. The Commission therefore grants the Certificate of Appropriateness subject to the Applicant's compliance with the conditions set forth herein.

A) The Applicant agrees to follow the restoration plan as developed by Jablonski Building Consultants, Inc, with the work to be undertaken by Paragon Restoration Corporation. If at any time Paragon Restoration Corporation is replaced as the prime contractor, the Applicant will immediately notify the Commission.

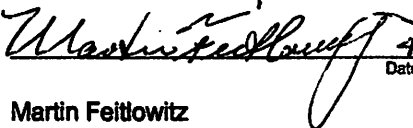
B) The Applicant shall notify the Commission in advance of any work that would result in a significant change to the plan or additional work that would have an adverse effect to the building's historic features.

C) The Commission reserves the right to make inspections of work approved by this certificate whenever it considers such to be desirable. Such inspections are to be made upon reasonable notice to the Applicant and scheduled so as to avoid interference with the Applicant's construction activities. Additionally, the Applicant will notify the Commission in a timely manner when mock-ups are available for inspection.

D) The Gatehouse will be photographically documented during and after rehabilitation. Digital copies of these photographs, along with digital copies that illustrate existing conditions, will be provided to the Commission and to the West Orange Public Library at the completion of the project. The photographs will be captioned and appropriately labeled as to the view depicted therein. The photographs will serve as a permanent record of the project and be available in the reference section of the West Orange Public Library for study by researchers. Additionally, the Applicant grants the Township of West Orange permission to use these photographs in the production of official reports and/or other documents. The photographs will be the copyrighted property of the Applicant and any use beyond what has been stated will be at the discretion of the Applicant.

 4.30.2021
Date

Brian Feeney
Chair
West Orange Historic Preservation Commission

 4.30.21
Date

Martin Feitowitz
Vice Chair
West Orange Historic Preservation Commission