

MINUTES OF THE HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD (HARB)  
HELD ON THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026  
SEWICKLEY HEIGHTS HISTORY CENTER

The meeting was called to order at 4:15 p.m. at 73 Stonedale Road for a walking tour, then reconvened at 4:57 p.m. at the Sewickley Heights History Center by the Chairman, Mr. Michael Bollinger.

**Members present:** In addition to Chairman Bollinger, Mr. Thomas McCargo, Mrs. Elizabeth Sykes, Ms. Emily Moldovan, and Mrs. Mary Barbour were present. Also present were Mr. Nathan Briggs, Borough Manager/Secretary, Ms. Megan O’Hara, consultant with Urban Design Associates, and Mr. Peter Zittel, Borough Solicitor’s Office.

Others present: Mr. Mike Macedonia, 6 Thawmont Drive, Mr. Ale Danzey, Danzey Construction, and Mr. Mike Zielachowski, Desmone Architects.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS & MEETING MINUTES**

Chairman Bollinger opened the floor for public comment on matters on the agenda. There was none.

The meeting minutes of the April 16, 2026, and March 12, 2026, regular HARB meetings were unanimously approved as amended.

The meeting minutes of the January 15, 2026, regular meeting were tabled until the next HARB meeting on June 11, 2026.

**ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

**Administrative Recommendations**

Motion by Mr. McCargo, seconded by Mrs. Barbour, to recommend approval of a Zoning Permit for the following project:

- Grabiak, 1854 Glen Mitchell Road – Generator

The motion passed unanimously.

**Report to HARB on Ongoing Projects (no applicant attendance)**

Ms. Moldovan and Mr. Briggs provided an update on various ongoing projects.

## **Working Session**

The HARB held a working session regarding the Macedonia patio roof structure at 6 Thawmont Drive. Ms. O'Hara opened by explaining the purpose of the working session. Mr. Macedonia, Mr. Zielachowski, and Mr. Danzey presented a revised design that lowered the overall roof structure significantly from the prior version while maintaining a 5/12 pitch, and proposed pocketing the support beams into the existing house walls so that the new roof gutter line would align with the existing gutter line, addressing the concerns previously raised about mismatched roof and gutter lines. Mr. Macedonia explained that the structure had been lowered because, when scaled against human proportions, the earlier design appeared disproportionately tall, and that the columns were kept minimal to avoid a "caged-in" feel.

Discussion among the HARB members, Ms. O'Hara, and the applicant focused on reconciling the structure's rustic character with a more French provincial style, with the consensus favoring thinner members to improve proportion and preserve the rear view the applicants wished to maintain. Suggestions included doubling the columns at the corners while removing the middle columns to open up the center. The HARB also discussed the pros and cons of demolishing the existing wall to set the posts, with a recommendation that some base be created for the posts to sit on if the wall is removed, as well as the challenge of matching existing brick. Ms. Moldovan noted that she would follow up with the applicant via email, but they should plan to return to HARB for final design review in June.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT ON NONAGENDA ITEMS**

Chairman Bollinger opened the floor for public comment on matters not pertaining to the agenda. There was none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Bollinger adjourned the meeting at 5:51 p.m.