

TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MERION

Building & Planning Committee

Issue Briefing

Topic: Historic Resource Inventory Amendments

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I. Action To Be Considered By The Board:

Authorize staff to prepare an amendment to the Historic Resource Inventory (HRI) to list a cottage on the property of 1219 Bryn Tyddyn Drive, Gladwyne, as a Class II historic resource.

II. Why This Issue Requires Board Consideration:

Historic Resource Inventory amendments must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners.

III. Current Policy Or Practice (If Applicable):

N/A

IV. Other Relevant Background Information:

On July 23, 2018, the Historical Commission reviewed the application to add this ancillary building to the Historic Resource Inventory as a Class II resource, using the designation criteria adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 18, 2018. The Commission voted to approve the designation, citing criteria 1 and 2.

The applicant wishes to use the structure as an accessory apartment, which requires listing on the Inventory and Conditional Use approval. Should the historic designation be approved by the Board of Commissioners, the applicant will return with a Conditional Use application at a later date. Potential use of the building as an accessory apartment requires a covenant to be placed on the affected building.

V. Impact on Township Finances:

There is no impact on Township finances.

VI. Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Board of Commissioners authorize staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the HRI and designate the cottage (and not the main residence) at 1219 Bryn Tyddyn Drive as a Class II resource.