

**Historical Architectural Review Board
COA Preliminary Review Sheet**

HDC-2023-00082

Address: 515 N. Park Street

District: Old Fairgrounds Historic District

Applicant: Tanya Allyson, City of Allentown

Proposal: Remove slate shingles; install asphalt shingles

Building Description:

This 2½-story brick row house, c. 1891, has been lad with stonecote. The gable roof has slate shingles, a large dormer with projecting eaves, and a single chimney. The windows are 1/1 double hung sash. The second floor has two windows. The first floor has a single window with an unadorned main entry door. There are concrete bull-nosed steps leading to the front door, a single basement window with an iron grille, and a shared grocer's alley door.

Project Description:

This application proposes to replace the historic roofing at the property at 515 N. Park Street. The property retains slate at the gable roof and dormer cheek walls. The applicant proposes to install GAF Slateline asphalt shingles.



**Front façade of 515 N. Park Street, 2019.
(Google StreetView)**

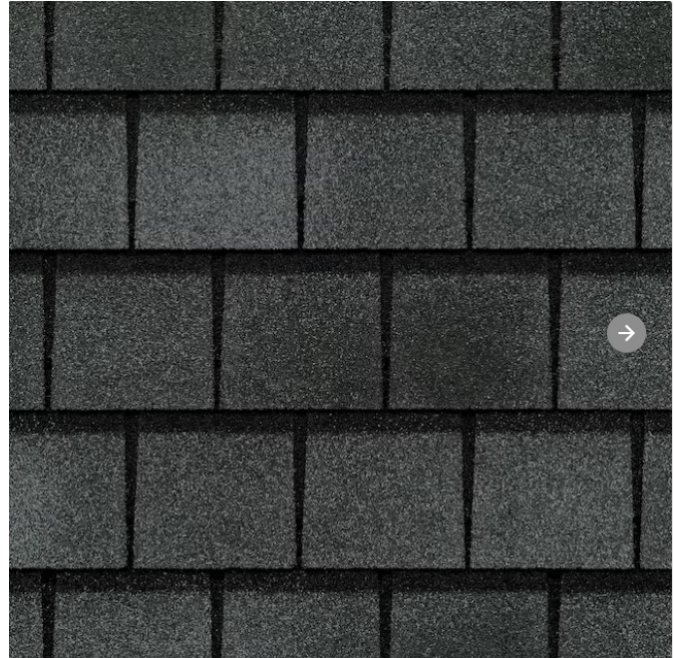


**Detail of roof, 2019.
(Google StreetView)**

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Rear view of 515 N. Park Street, 2023.
(Google StreetView)



GAF Slateline.
(www.lowes.com)

Applicable Guidelines:

Chapter 3.1 – Roofs

3.1.3 Repair and restore original and historic roofing materials whenever possible. Evaluate the condition and cost of repair of original materials before removing and replacing them. Targeted areas of repair or localized in-kind replacement may be the most effective and low-cost solution.

3.1.6 Replace historic roofing materials in-kind whenever possible if severe deterioration makes a full replacement necessary. Replacement material should match the original in material, dimension, shape, profile, color, pattern, exposure, and overall appearance.

3.1.7 If in-kind replacement is not feasible, replace historic roofing materials with alternate materials that resemble the original as closely as possible. Roof replacement should be sensitive to the original appearance. Replacement materials should match roof slopes or shape.

Observations & Comments:

The applicant contends that the existing slate roof is failing and in poor condition. The current roof contains typical rectangular slate singles in a gray color. The application proposes to install GAF Slateline shingles, which are an appropriate alternate that generally match the existing rectangular slate in dimension, shape, profile, color, exposure, and overall appearance. Staff finds that the proposed shingle complies with the guidelines in Section 3.1 Roofs.

Staff Recommendation:

Approval, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 3.1 Roofs.

Discussion: The Discussion of the proposed work focused on the scope of work, the condition of the existing slate roof, and the color of the proposed GAF Slateline singles. The applicant asked to amend the application to include the cheek walls and roof of the dormer. Mr. Huber asked about the condition of the slate and the applicant said several roofers inspected the roof and said it was not repairable. She said the roofs adjacent to the attached home had been replaced. It was also pointed out that staff had determined the roof replacement with GAF Slateline shingles appropriate. The

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applicant was asked what color shingle she proposed. She was not sure which color but intended it match the color of the slate roof.

Action:

Mr. AJ Jordan moved to approve the amended application presented on 1/8/2023 for the removal of slate shingles, including the cheek walls and roof of the dormer, and installation of GAF Slateline shingles at 515 N. Park Street pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 3.1 Roofs, with the following conditions:

- the replacement GF slate line shingles will match the existing slate in dimension, shape, profile, color exposure, and overall appearance.

Mr. Alex Encelewski seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous support.
