

**Historical Architectural Review Board  
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**HDC-2023-00082**

**Address: 531 W. Allen Street**

**District: Old Fairgrounds Historic District**

**Applicant: Jaroslaw Werel, Contractor**

**Proposal: Remove slate shingles; install asphalt shingles**

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**Building Description:**

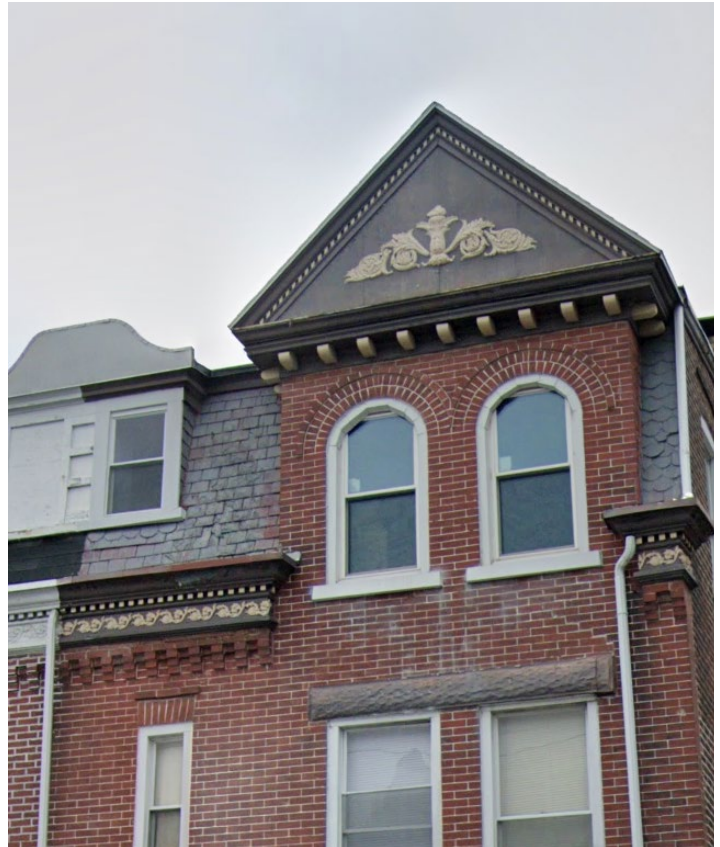
This 3-story brick twin house, ca 1895 is a porch house and has a combination of roof lines with slate shingles and a single chimney. There is an iron fence at the side and rear. The windows are 2/2 sash with Italianate lintels. The main entry is a single door on a concrete porch with iron railing.

**Project Description:**

This application proposes to replace the historic roofing at the property at 918 W. Chew Street. The property retains slate at the front mansard. The applicant proposes to install GAF Slateline asphalt shingles in English gray.



**Front façade of 531 W. Allen Street, 2019.  
(Google StreetView)**



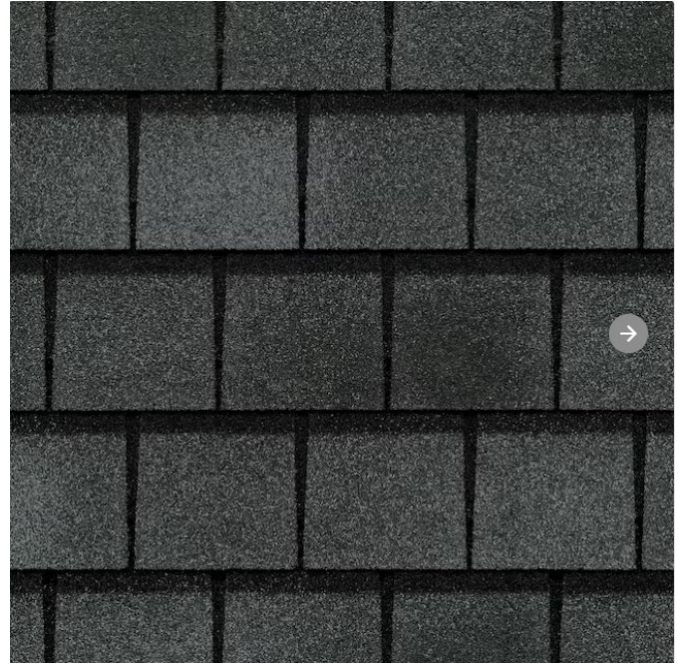
**Detail of roof, 2019.  
(Google StreetView)**

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Rear view of 531 W. Allen Street, 2011.  
(Google StreetView)



GAF Slateline in English gray.  
(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. Photographs show that there are displaced shingles throughout the roof. Staff notes that the roof currently contains slate shingles in rectangular and beveled shapes, though there is no discernible patterning. Based on the beveled slate shingles at 527 and 529 W. Allen Street, staff contends that the mansard at 531 W. Allen Street historically had beveled shingles and that rectangular shingles were installed to replace many of the failing original shingles; however, no documentation exists to confirm this assumption.

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.

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**HARB Discussion:**

Mr. Huber agreed with staff that the historic shingles were likely beveled and many were replaced with rectangular shingles over time. He stated that most of the original shingles are missing, and that the proposed GAF Slateline shingles provide a close match to most of the existing slate shingles. The HARB agreed that the proposed shingles are appropriate.

**Action:**

Mr. Encelewski moved to approve the application presented on 11/6/2023 for the removal of the existing slate shingles and installation of GAF Slateline shingles on the roof of the property at 531 W. Allen Street, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 31. Roofs. Mr. Lichtenwalner seconded the motion, which carried with unanimous support.