

East Whiteland Township Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 PM

PRESENT: Sylvia baker, Bill Shipley, Ian Scott, Peter Spengeman, and Terri Schatz (recorder)

GUESTS/VISITORS: Kristen Suzda, Drew Lavine, Lucas Hamilton

DISCUSSION: Ashlawn Farm Bank barn (Site #81) This is the second discussion about changes to the barn.

- St. Gobain agreed to move the insulation for the barn to the interior of the structure. Waiting for the permit for the interior finishes demolition.
- An increase to the overhang on either end of the roof was approved.
- A request was made for solar panels and matching roof materials. The commission will look at this roof material request.
- A new wall to be placed on the north side to accommodate plantings. Peter suggested the wall material be more like the stone of the barn. The commission will send visual examples which the architect agreed to consider.
- A new accessible ramp on the upper level was approved. The ramp, which will be more visible from the street, is seen as necessary due to the grading in that area.

OLD BUSINESS: Ebenezer AME Church ruins (#108)

- Terri reported on the obvious destruction of the property and gravestones which was done by a third party using overlarge mechanized vehicles. Photos have been taken and continue to be taken of the site.
- Terri was informed that members of the Zion AME church in Devon paid money for and consented to the clearing of the property on the recommendation of a township supervisor with the understanding of a careful clearing as the Boy Scout Troops of the area have been accomplishing for years.
- The East Whiteland Historical Commission in tandem with the AME church in Devon, request that from now on the historical commission be the go-to entities for any further work on this extremely important historical property in the township.
- Peter Spengeman will notify East Whiteland Township that the coral fencing (originally placed by the township) is in need of a lot of repair. This should help with any further infringement on the property. The commission recommends that the township take an ongoing role in keeping the weeds and vegetation in check.
- ADJOURNMENT: 9:30

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