

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES **DRAFT**

March 17, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted in-person with masking optional, and at the Township building. It was convened by Jeff Dore, Chair, at 7:05 PM

MEMBERS ATTENDING- Jeff Dore, Nancy Dore, Nicholas Groch, Rueben Garrett.
Members not present: Sylvia Baker, Mark Keilbaugh.

EW STAFF ATTENDING- Zach Barner.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Minutes of February 15, 2022 – The minutes taken by Nancy Dore were approved.
2. Staff Reporting - No new reports

OLD BUSINESS

1. Great Valley School District new 5/6 Center- David Schraeder, architect, and Chuck Peterson, GV business manager came to update the Commission on the project. Construction of the 180,000 foot center will start Summer 2022 and take two years to complete. They summarized the process- removing the two 1950s wings and preserve the 1939 structure. They requested and received approval from the commission to use divided light, aluminum windows on the 1939 building. They described in detail how the building would look, and how different sections would accommodate educational goals as well as vistas for the students and the public. Each township feeding the district will have a separate display wall where they can display history and facts. They were hoping that East Whiteland could include information about the WPA in our display. The design and medium is up to each township. Ben agreed to head up ideas for our display wall.

2. Ebenezer church/graveyard Plaque - Peter, and Mark(through email), both indicated that they were pursuing research leads on the church to further support wording decisions on the plaque. A general deadline for finalization was given as January 1, 2023. Nick indicated that the contractor, Mario's Trees, was preparing to remove remaining trees, and that the Devon church as well as Nick himself were planning to foot the bill. Some members agreed to assist Nick and contribute additional funds as the contractor could not do the work pro bono. It was reported that another developer is now involved in the housing tract. Zach reported that the Buettners were still involved.
3. Newsletter printing and front showcase-John Nagle, Township Manager gave go-ahead, for Commission plan to print color copies, purchase a glass case, and leave copies for the public, as well as carrying it online.
4. Historical Commission Quarterly Newsletter – The newsletter is in progress and it was reported that Mark will be interviewing Tom Miles at Malin Hall.
5. Gunkle's Mill Project - Jeff went through ADA regulations to prepare, and distributed key points to members about this detailed law as they relate to the mill, including inside seating, safety concerns,etc. There was extensive discussion of the ADA ramp and mill parking, with Jeff and Nick taking the lead. Areas included also regrading and elevation, whether foldable ramp was necessary, and instead using an earthen graded path or driveway. It was tentatively decided there would be two parking spaces for those with disabilities. Ultimately once the Commission's recommendations are finalized, a meeting with the township officials will be requested to review them.

Meeting was adjourned at 9 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Spengeman, Secretary