

# **EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

## **MINUTES**

**May 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted in-person at the Township Building. It was convened by Jeff Dore at 7:00PM

MEMBERS ATTENDING- Peter Spengeman, Jeff Dore, Nancy Dore, Mark Keilbaugh, Nick Groch, Reuben Garrett, Sylvia Baker.

### **NEW BUSINESS and STAFF REPORTS**

1. Minutes of May 19, 2023– The minutes were reviewed and approved with minor changes.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Ebenezer AME Church(plaque, building stabilization.
  - a) Building Stabilization and Property-Nick reiterated that Rycon Corp is willing to do the work probono if the materials can be purchased. We hope to have ability to install new fence by Sept. or October. Peter reported that he sat in by zoom at the AME diocese meeting to support Pastor April Rogers request for additional funds. They have obtained money for ongoing landscaping of the property and are interested in the fencing issue.
  - b) Plaque -The final wording of the sign was reviewed again and finalized. Mark Keilbaugh reported on progress. A tentative vendor has been selected. Mark shared that the plaque could be done by end of summer/October. A press release will be developed and invitation list will be developed. Peter will develop a list of persons who have assisted in preserving the church over the years. It was agreed that fund raising should be incorporated into the plaque ceremony and exploration of Go Fund Me will continue.

2. Gunkle Mill – Jeff was contacted by an individual( Great Granddaughter) who believes she has a 1790 document about the Mill. It will be sent to us. Ben reported on Scout progress regarding the carriage house. As the money was approved for installation of the donated ADA ramp by the township, there is no need to obtain a permit. Nick agreed to do a signed architectural drawing . It is hoped that the ramp will be completed by end of the summer.

3. Newsletter- Mark reported on latest progress.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Spengeman, Secretary