

East Whiteland Township Historical Commission

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

June 16, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted virtually via Zoom, and the meeting was convened by Jeff Dore, chair, by 7:00 PM

STAFF ATTENDING: Zach Barner and Brittany Carosello, Township Planning;
MEMBERS ATTENDING- Jeff Dore, Nancy Dore, Peter Spengeman, Sylvia Baker, Nicholas Groch.

GUESTS: Linden Hall project-Steve DeMarco

Members not present: Kurt Ulrich, Terri Schatz.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from the May 19, 2021 meeting were approved by the Commission.
2. Nick announced that he is now formally on the Commission. All members welcomed him. It was noted that Ian Scott is no longer on the committee. One other member who does not attend may not be renewed when their term expires. Peter encouraged more members.
3. Jeff noted that the Commission was invited to send members to a Historical Resource training in TE, and that Mark Keilbaugh had agreed to go.

OLD BUSINESS:

4. Mark has asked for comments from the Commission on the Newsletter by June 18
5. Ebenezer AME Church- Nick and Peter did a zoom with church officials about Jason Hermann's renewed offer to help and progress. Nick reviewed his plans(below) and the church was quite open, wanting to expand awareness of this resource through various pathways, including social media, etc. .

Nick reviewed planning for the church. Strober Tree Service has agreed to work pro bono, has seen the property, is working on a hold harmless agreement, and will eventually cap the church walls, and shore up the foundation . Both vegetation and trees will need to be removed , and heavy equipment will be used to do so. A roof will be added to protect the walls. Jason Hermann and Nick predict that no progress can be completed until the fall. Jason has a commitment to use several students on the project.

6. Gunkle Mill-Jeff reports that everything is moving forward with the Mill and that the gutters need replacement.
7. Linden Hall signage- Steve DeMarco presented mockups of the sign. The beige color of the sign will match the bricks of the building and he agreed to come back and give us another look at the font. He took several comments by the Commission and also agreed to place a historical sign on the wall so that residents could understand the building more. The Commission will furnish a narrative.
8. School District- Sylvia inquired about the new building /façade. Zach noted that we were lucky to give them our feedback rather early in the process, as there are many interest groups involved. The district committed to saving the building at the May meeting.
9. Mannix barn HR #92- Terri, Nick and Peter visited the Transco property on June 16, 2021. A letter will be written to the company advising them that the gutters on each side of the barn are in poor shape thus allowing water to penetrate the foundation and they should be replaced with new splash blocks. In addition, word boring insect holes were observed so It was recommended that another termite/insect survey be completed. Finally commission members were unable to see the basement due to secured doors and the company agreed to have us return in the fall , when they will open them up. The commission requested that the three matters be completed by the fall. The property remains secured by Transco and there is no sign of vandalism.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM>

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Spengeman, Secretary