

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

July 19, 2023

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

MEMBERS ATTENDING- Peter Spengeman, Nick Groch, Sylvia Baker, Reuben Garrett.

GUESTS: Tim Caban, Bertha Jackmon and Reverend April Martin from Zion AME Church(by phone).

NEW BUSINESS and STAFF REPORTS

1. Minutes of June 21, 2023– The minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. **Historic Resource #154 1050 King Road**- Tim Caban, Owner, presented his plan to extend the size of a small covered porch on the King Road side of his property. Among other details, he indicated he would be adding a window of historic fabric, which would enhance the improvement, replicate the siding and door. The Commission advised him that it would approve the addition, as long as he would provide more readable copies of the drawings that he brought to the meeting. He indicated there was an easement/ownership issue regarding the fence that might delay the project. Commission did feel they could approve the project at present.
3. **Tim**, former member and chair of our HC, and current member of the Chester County Historic Board, also spoke of a Leadership luncheon that was being held in 2024 and wanted to encourage local board members and leaders to attend. He also participated in other discussions and reminded us that the 250th anniversary of Chester County will occur in 2026. Tim can be reached at Tim.caban@runbox.com.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Ebenezer AME Church(plaque, building stabilization.
 - a) Plaque - There was no word from Mark(not present)as to whether the plaque would be completed in July, as hoped.
 - b) Pastor Martin was present by phone and wanted to get more details about the fencing and bracing of the structure in order to stabilize it. Nick provided some rough details, including an possible estimate for future rooting of \$40,000. No work has gone out for competitive bids. She advised that there is a new website dedicated to restoration of the site. There was some discussion of the ceremony for the plaque(hoped to take place in a Saturday in October). It was felt that the new website would be instrumental in fundraising in conjunction with the ceremony. All agreed that a grassroots approach is the best. Bertha Jackmon also contributed to the overall discussion, which included acknowledgement to Carla Mudry who has provided public notice, data and much writing about the site's history in her blog about the County. As Nick has a pre-existing relationship with her, he agreed to propose a meeting for the Pastor and Ms. Mudry in early August.

2. Gunkle Mill – Reuben reported that the Devon boy scout troop continues to work on the carriage house and the shed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Spengeman, Secretary