

## East Whiteland Township Historical Commission

### EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

## MINUTES

**July 21, 2021**

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

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

Members not present: Kurt Ulrich.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

1. Minutes from the June 16, 2021 meeting were approved by the Commission.
2. Change in September Meeting . The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 21 at 7 PM at the Mill and appropriate notices will be sent to the public.
3. Report from Staff-Zach reported that a sidewalk will be going down at 20 Moores Road (St. Gobain project from last summer), and that a land development plan for a pathway from Gunkle Mill to the St.Gobain house will be presented in August. He also reported that Liberty Properties is no longer interested in pursuing demolition of the current 29 Restaurant and the farmhouse next door.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

4. Quarterly Newsletter-Mark reported that the next one will be out around Labor Day. The commission discussed dates and options for feedback on Mark's design, including subjects of each newsletter. Mark is seeking projects and ideas from members, perhaps on little known, yet relevant, township historical events or properties as well.

5. National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) Mark reported that the Conference at TE was very illuminating and shared websites so members could get more information.
6. Mannix barn- The letter regarding assessment of insect damage, entrance to the basement, and the need to replace and configure downspouts and gutters to keep foundation intact will be sent this week on township stationery.
7. Ebenezer AME Church- Nick reviewed planning for the church and has reached out to a mason and the larger trees have been marked for future removal, expected in the fall. Developer Buettner still has not started work on the fence or his development. We will continue to recommend that he do his work regardless of the timing of Nick's initiated contractors. Caution must be taken to protect the hallowed ground of the cemetery at all times, the crane will ultimately be located on-site and any appropriate permissions will be obtained. It was reported that the "shaker" machinery located on Bacton Hill and 401 has ceased its activity, which potentially threatened local homes as well as the fragile ruin of the church.
8. Gunkle Mill-Jeff reports the following:
  - a. Wheel-Should be finishing up by the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of August. The wheel and sump pump must be working in conjunction, and there will need to be a constant minimum level of water to maintain operation.
  - b. Access for disabled visitors and paving - A pathway for entrance was reviewed and their access will be to the basement level only . Video may be used to illustrate the rest of the structure. Permeable paving or cinder will be installed where necessary to accommodate foot or car traffic
  - c. External repairs- Gutters and downspouts need work. Window and trim are rotting and need repair and painting. Stoop requires some brick replacement. Nick offered to take responsibility for windows and spouts and Mark will work on the video.
  - d. For Nick and others, a walk through of the Mill will happen this Friday at 1 PM. Nick will develop specifics around pricing/ projects required at the mill .

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Spengeman, Secretary