

East Whiteland Township Historical Commission

EAST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 18, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was conducted in-person with masking, and at the Township building. It was convened by Jeff Dore, chair, at 7:10 PM

STAFF ATTENDING: Zach Barner(phone) and Brittany Carosello, Township Planning; MEMBERS ATTENDING- Jeff Dore, Nancy Dore, Mark Keilbaugh, Peter Spengeman, Sylvia Baker, Nicholas Groch. GUESTS: Great Valley School District- David Schrader, Architect from The Schraeder Group ; Chuck Peterson, Business Manager, GVSD; and three others.

Members not present: Kurt Ulrich.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The minutes of July HC meeting were approved with a couple of language changes.
2. **Change of dates** due to lack of availability for September and October meetings . The September meeting will be held on the 21st at the Mill, and October on the 12th at the Township
3. Development Staff Updates –No reports

OLD BUSINESS

2. Revised design of Great Valley School District 5th and 6th Grade Center at KD Markley Campus . David Schraeder updated the Commission on the following:

- They will retain and restore the 1939 central façade of the building, with the front of the building presenting on Church Road.
- Remove two 1950 additions and try to maintain the portion that will highlight rear side. The wings added will be two stories.
- They will use graphics to illustrate the history within the building, .
- They will maintain much of the grass area, using the front as bus port at start and end of school day.

- They will be using similar metal roof that is currently on KD Markley Elementary School. They will use complementary materials for the brickwork, but cannot mimic same stone due to budgetary issues.
- The cupola will be in view and building will be designed so children will pass through the older and newer sections with view of historical mural and building materials.
- The architects advised that they were taking elements from the Trenton Bath House(1955), designed by architect Louis Khan, to allow for increased outside/inside integration.

The Commission expressed its pleasure that the building had been retained and used architecturally in the plan, and in general, the vision presented.

3. Ebenezer church/graveyard site -Nick reported that he had removed a few trees on the property, and that a mason was coming out to attempt to prevent further deterioration of parts of the structure. He'd like to reinforce missing parts of the sacristy and involve a carpenter. It was mentioned that the front fencing of the ground be repaired due to the openness that the grounds currently project. The commission may go ahead and do some fence repair prior to Buettner (developer) due to time lag.

4. Historical Commission Quarterly Newsletter – Mark reported that he will have four stories for the fall newsletter and including Gunkle Mill and KD Markley . Jeff reviewed a series of historical sites that may be good topics, and perhaps not that well known. It was suggested that any information get to Mark by Labor Day.

5. Gunkle's Mill Project – Jeff reported that the millwheel is currently being put in place and that members are encouraged to stop over at the Mill, take a look and meet Ben.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Spengeman, Recorder