



East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2014

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

II. Meeting attendance

- McCormick, Arthur DeLeo, Garth Monaghan, Sue Monaghan, Fred Bissinger, Buddy Rhoades, Lee Schlingmann. Quorum met, all members present.

III. Review of minutes of prior meeting

- Unanimous vote to adopt minutes of December 4, 2013 meeting as “approved”.

IV. Discussion – Open Issues

- **Mortonville Bridge** – continued discussion of potential for additional work to change the façade of interior side of concrete “jersey barrier” walls. Rough estimates of potential costs for cladding interior face with stone discussed. Arthur will pursue contact with Sen. Dinniman office for potential of the additional work/costs. Fred Bissinger has some sketches and rough cost estimates for potential work.
- **Frog Hollow Bridge (Speakman’s No. 1 Covered Bridge)** – progress or repairs and renovation reviewed. The Section 106 review process has started with a meeting of concerned parties held at the Hephzibah Baptist Church on February 20, 2014. Joe McCormick recapped the public discussions. A lot of public concern at the meeting that the renovations would not alter the structure such that its historic character and appearance would be compromised as was the case with the PennDOT project on the Mortonville Bridge. Architectural plans for project were reviewed – appears that the renovation will faithfully reproduce the original bridge appearance. Construction is scheduled to begin late 2014 and has an approximate one-year construction duration.
- **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey** – no updates or changes made
- **Website Additions** – Lee Schlingmann has digitized and enhanced photos provided by Buddy Rhoades for posting to Township website. Lee has met with website coordinator. Buddy’s originals were left with Township secretary. There has been no action with respect to posting the photos. Follow-up with office needed.

V. Discussion - New Business

- **Election of Commission Officers for 2014** – unanimous vote to have Joe McCormick continue as Commission chairman, Arthur DeLeo to continue as Vice-Chairman, and Sue Monaghan to continue as Secretary.
- **Membership Address Update** – per request of Township Secretary, all members provided an update of current contact information (address, phone, and e-mail address)
- **Annual Report to BOS** – it was noted that in accordance with the Township Ordinance, an annual report is to be submitted to the BOS in March. Joe McCormick will prepare the report; will be similar to the report as prepared for 2013.
- **Scott Farm Estate Development – sewage facilities** – pursuant to the information forwarded to the HC for review. Information provided was reviewed and discussed; the Commission determined that the property includes listed historic resources, but there was insufficient information included in the information provided to make any recommendations to the BOS. The existing spring house was noted as a particular concern. It was decided that a memo be prepared requesting that the BOS require the developer to present adequate documentation and plans to the HC in order for the HC to conduct a proper review for recommendations to the BOS. Joe McCormick to prepare and deliver memo to BOS.
- **Hope Community – Sisk Property development** – discussed pursuant to an inquiry made by Chester County Planning Commission as to recommendations made by HC to the BOS on this proposed development. Noted that the HC had never been requested to review proposal(s). HC requested any information available from the Township Secretary. A “sketch plan” was provided to the HC. The HC has determined that a listed Historic Resource is located on the property proposed for development. Based on the information provided, the HC is not able to assess any potential impact on the Historic Resource(s). It was noted that the owner should make a presentation to the HC after they have filed the proper paperwork and completed the engineering and traffic studies requested by the Planning Commission. It was decided that a memo be prepared requesting that the BOS require the developer to present adequate documentation and plans to the HC in order that the HC conduct a proper review in order to make recommendations to the BOS. Joe McCormick to prepare and deliver memo to BOS.
- **PHMC – CLG Grant** – grant application received after due date. No action required.
- **CCHPN Spring Workshop** – Chester County Historical Preservation Network workshop for municipal historical commissions scheduled for March 15, 2014. A unanimous vote was taken to pay for Joe McCormick to attend the workshop. Workshop fee is \$15.00.
- **Objectives for 2014** – due to time constraints, discussion tabled until April meeting.

- **Original date of formation of EF Historical Commission** – per request of Chester County Planning Commission. Actual date unknown, Buddy Rhoades thought it to be 1980. No further action required on this item.
- **Chester County Historical Society Membership** – a unanimous vote taken to renew membership for an additional year. Annual membership fee is
- It was noted that Denise Miller is no longer employed as Township Secretary.

VI. Adjourn Meeting – meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Monaghan

Historical Commission Secretary