



East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Unapproved Meeting Minutes

May 3, 2017

2017 Historical Commission Members:

Joe McCormick, Chairman Arthur DeLeo Lee Schlingmann Becca Hunt Chad Peterson
Sue Monaghan, Secretary Fred Bissinger Buddy Rhoades Connie McLaughlin

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

II. Meeting attendance

- Joe McCormick, Lee Schlingmann, Sue Monaghan, Becca Hunt, and Connie McLaughlin present. Absent: Fred Bissinger, Arthur DeLeo, Buddy Rhoades, and Chad Peterson. **Quorum met.**

III. Review of minutes of prior meeting

- Minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting were reviewed and unanimously voted to be approved as written.

IV. Discussion – Open Issues

- **Mortonville Bridge** –potential for additional work to change the façade of interior side of concrete “jersey barrier” walls to be more in keeping with original appearance.
 - i. **Discussed the reason for maintaining this item on monthly agenda despite inactivity. Following in anticipation of future grant opportunities.**
- **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey**
 - i. A revised spreadsheet of historic resources detailed in the last Windshield Survey was distributed. Changes included updating property owners from the County database of November 2015, some address corrections, and other minor changes. **Copies to be made available to EFT office staff.**
 - ii. A recommendation of the EFT Comprehensive Plan Task Force was to update the Windshield Survey. **Consideration of updating information may be prudent. State changes are coming which may impact the local municipal level, could be a budget item for consultant in the next year or two.**
- **Historical Commission Facebook Page**
 - i. Connie indicated that she had put together a framework, but was looking for some additional source material to include to keep it interesting.
 - ii. **Discussed adding links to other related sites, adding newsletter articles, regular addition of information to keep interest level up.**
- **Electronic Storage of Historical Commission documents and records** – project for scanning and preserving stored historic documents to electronic media to prevent loss or damage of the records. This will be an ongoing project.
 - **Sue Monaghan accessed the file cabinet and provided some documents to Connie.**

- **2960 Strasburg Road** – renovation of the historic resource and former one-room schoolhouse had been started, but was left incomplete, and the project abandoned. The structure is now in danger of demolition by neglect as it has been left unprotected from the effects of weather and intrusion by vermin or unauthorized entry by trespassers.
 - I. **Certified letter to be prepared for new owner. Requesting BOS input.**
- **People’s Hall** – a Class I historic resource which is included in the Ercildoun Thematic District (National Register of Historic Places), built in 1845 by the abolitionist group, East Fallowfield Anti-Slavery Society to hold their meetings, subsequently being home to various groups and meetings in the Township.
 - I. **Events of local interest have been presented by People’s Hall – should include these events on the Facebook page.**
- **Membership solicitation**
 - I. A solicitation for new members for the Historical Commission has been posted on the EFT web page.
 - **Still need a licensed registered PA architect on the Commission.**
 - II. **No new activity relative to membership.**
- **Permit Application Review** – the HC discussed an ongoing problem with building permits being issued for renovations to properties included in the EFT inventory of historic resources (Windshield Survey) without referral to the EFT HC for review and comment.

V. Discussion - New Business

- **Joe has reached out to Randy Doan to attend HC meetings**
- **Coatesville History Project – organizational meeting scheduled – reaching out to local historical commissions**
- **An intra-commission collaborative meeting has been proposed, Joe has indicated that GHC would welcome this, no date as yet determined.**
- **EFT Newsletter – next issue being prepared.**
- **Historical Ordinance – in need of revision.**

VI. Adjourn Meeting – meeting adjourned at 8:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe McCormick

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 Chairman
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