



TOWNSHIP OF EAST FALLOWFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING AGENDA MARCH 6, 2024

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting
- IV. Discussion of Open Issues
 - **Missing Historical Commission Records**
 - Copies of Jane Dorchester's research were donated and have been retained by Chester County archives. Arrangements made to retrieve copies, which is ongoing.
 - Several binders have been recreated, other copies located and placed in the filing cabinet.
 - **Community Park – Strunk Fallout Shelter**
 - Chad Peterson to retake photo survey if access can be provided.
 - **30 Loop Road**
 - A parcel 47-7-29, a Township Class I historic resource, listed in the National Register; Ercildoun Historic District, formerly known as the James Fulton Tenant House. Property included in the National Register Ercildoun Historic District, and as such, all renovations must adhere to Zoning regulations for historic districts. The owner has undertaken extensive interior demolition and other work.
 - The following information suggested by Chad Peterson was previously requested of the owner's rep by the EFTHC. **Although included on the permit application, no new window data has been provided. requested:**
 1. Manufacturer series (i.e., MIRA, Classic, East, etc.)
 2. Window Type (i.e., double-hung, casement, etc.)
 3. Window sizes
 4. Lite Cut (i.e., 6 over 6 or 6 over 1, etc.)
 5. Casing and sill profiles
 6. Casing and sill material
 7. Will shutters be installed? If so, provide submission on style, material, and hardware.
 8. **Building permit application received from Code Enforcement officer for the replacement of the existing roofing with cedar shakes. (see attached application) EFTHC to vote on recommendation to issue a permit to applicant.**
 - a. **Permit application appears to be incomplete. Check with Code Enforcement officer.**
 - **2960 Strasburg Road**

- Tax parcel 47-4-96-E, a Class II Township historic resource, formerly a one-room schoolhouse, and Mt. Carmel Church. A new split cedar shake roof has been installed, as well as some demolition and general clean-up activities.
- **At the previous meeting, the EFTHC recommended that renovation could commence subject to the owner using the window selections provided and reviewed.**
- **An informational permit application submitted to the Code Enforcement Officer (copy attached).**
- **Owner had requested a letter of support from the EFTHC to be presented at zoning hearing for a variance for a change in use for the property. The EFTHC voted to provide a letter endorsing the proposed adaptive reuse of the building with conditions. Letter to be provided to the Board at such time as a hearing is scheduled for the variance petition. Proposed draft copy is attached.**

- **America250 PA Chester County Commission**
 - The Historical Commission has been asked to participate with the county activities scheduled for the nation's 250th anniversary
 - **At the last meeting, the EFTHC voted to encourage the Township to become a participating partner in 250PA Chester County, the Semi quinentennial (America 250PA) program. (See attached information) A letter has been drafted for the BOS (see attached)**
- **Certified Local Government (CLG)**
 - Further investigation as to costs and value to the Township being evaluated.
- **East Fallowfield Elementary School**
 - Presently scheduled for demolition by the Coatesville School District
 - Presently an organized effort to save the structure and nominate it for National Register of Historic Places, possibly arrange for adaptive reuse.
 - EFTHC contacts and questioned as to why the building is not included in the Township historic resource inventory. Should it be included?
 - **The East Fallowfield Elementary School was built in 1939, replacing six brick school houses in the Township with a WPA matching grant. *"The Works Progress Administration (WPA) was an ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest days of the Great Depression. Over its eight years of existence, the WPA put roughly 8.5 million Americans to work building schools, hospitals, roads and other public works."***
 - **The Township Municipal Building Committee is considering doing a feasibility study for the East Fallowfield elementary school to convert it to a township building. The committee is looking for some feedback from the Historical Commission on the significance of the building/property and any historical-related input regarding its proposed use as a municipal building. The Township Manager has requested the EFTHC to provide input on the building.**

V. New Business

• 1700 Goosetown Road

- Tax Parcel Number 47-5-989, included in the Township inventory of historic resources as a Class II resource described as vernacular in style, constructed in 1840 with aluminum siding. There are outbuildings on the property. (photo attached)**
- The owner proposes to construct a 3,262 square foot commercial structure with eight parking space on the property. The current zoning is R-1 Low Density Residential. According to information from the County, the land development plan will allow the existing structure one the property is to remain.**
- Information and reports pertaining to the proposed land development plan forwarded by the Township Manager for Historical Commission review and determination as to whether or not an Historic Impact Study shall be required. (see attachments)**

VI. Attachments

VII. Motion to Adjourn