



# **East Fallowfield Historical Commission**

## **Unapproved Meeting Minutes**

**September 6, 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 6:35pm

**II. Meeting attendance**

- Joe McCormick, Lee Schlingmann, Becca Hunt, Buddy Rhoades, and Chad Peterson present.  
Absent: Fred Bissinger, Sue Monaghan, Arthur DeLeo, and Connie McLaughlin. **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. **No update**
- **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey**
  - i. **No update**
- **Historical Commission Facebook Page**
  - i. **No update**
- **Electronic Storage of Historical Commission documents and records**
  - 1. **No Update**
- **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. **No update**
- **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. The new Board of Trustees has been unable to solicit sufficient funds to make the needed repairs to the building. The Board is contemplating a number of ideas as to how to move forward with the building.

**V. Discussion - New Business**

- **2121 Strasburg Road – Class II Historic Resource – Demolition Permit Application**
  - i. The Commission discussed the demolition application and reviewed photographs of the property. It was determined that there are no significant architectural or cultural attributes to the property.
  - ii. The Commission voted unanimously to advise the Code Enforcement Official that there was no objection to the issuance of a demolition permit.
  - iii. A letter to Rob McLarnon to be prepared advising of the Commissions determination as well as cautioning the proper disposal of asbestos materials that were noted at the property.
- **109 Finestkind Lane (109 Strasburg Road) Permit Application**
  - i. The Commission has determined that the structure is a Class II Historic Resource, built in 1800, and described as the vernacular style.
  - ii. The permit application is to install a new roof on the structure, to be of cedar shakes.
  - iii. The Commission has found that cedar shakes are an appropriate selection for the structure being typical for dwellings of that same period.
  - iv. The Commission voted unanimously to advise the Code Enforcement Officer that the HC has no objections to the issuance of a permit for the roof replacement. A letter shall be sent Rob McLarnon advising of the HC determination.
- **505 Mortonville Road – Permit Application**
  - i. The Historical Commission reviewed the permit application and building plans submitted by the owner.
  - ii. The Commission has determined that the plans as submitted, provide insufficient information for the Commission to properly assess the planned renovations with respect to aesthetic benefit and maintenance of the original property appearance.
  - iii. The Commission also noted that the information presented in the plans seems inadequate from an architectural and engineering perspective to adequately describe the intended work.
  - iv. The Commission voted unanimously to advise the Code Enforcement Officer that the information as presented is insufficient for the Commission to make any recommendations, and the owner should be advised to provide more detailed information such as photographs, material descriptions, and or architectural renderings or elevation views.
- **Training Opportunities as offered by Preservation Pennsylvania and PA SHPO were discussed; reimbursement for attendance costs approved for interested members.**

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

Respectfully Submitted,

*Joe McCormick*

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Chairman  
East Fallowfield Historical Commission

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September 7, 2017

Rob McLarnon  
Code Enforcement Officer

Re: 2121 Strasburg Road Demolition Permit Request

Dear Rob:

At the Historical Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the members of the Historical Commission considered a demolition permit request for the historic resource located at 2121 Strasburg Road. The Commission found that the property is included in the East Fallowfield Township inventory of historic resources, and is identified therein as a Class II property, probably built in or around 1900, in the vernacular style, currently sided with a mixture of asbestos, stucco, wood, and other materials.

After a review of the condition of the property, architectural and cultural significance, and a site visit, the Historical Commission did not find unique attributes that should transcend the owner's desire to demolish the property. Having a quorum present, a vote was taken and the Historical Commission unanimously determined that it has no objections to the demolition permit being issued, subject to any other issues that might be found by Code Enforcement.

The Historical Commission noted on the permit application that the owner intends to demolish the property himself, not utilizing a registered contractor. The only concern the Commission has is that asbestos material has been identified at the structure, and the Historical Commission strongly recommends that the demolition, handling, and disposal of this hazardous material be accomplished in accordance with all applicable laws, statutes, and requirements as may apply. Any and all inspections or monitoring as may apply should be documented.

Please contact the Commission with any questions or concerns you may have. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Chairman  
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cc: East Fallowfield Board of Supervisors

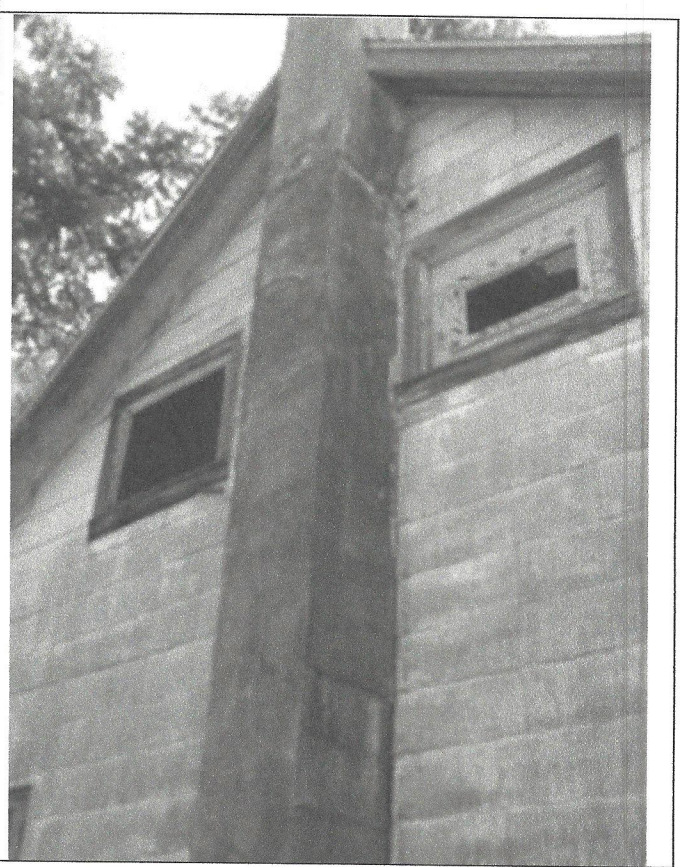
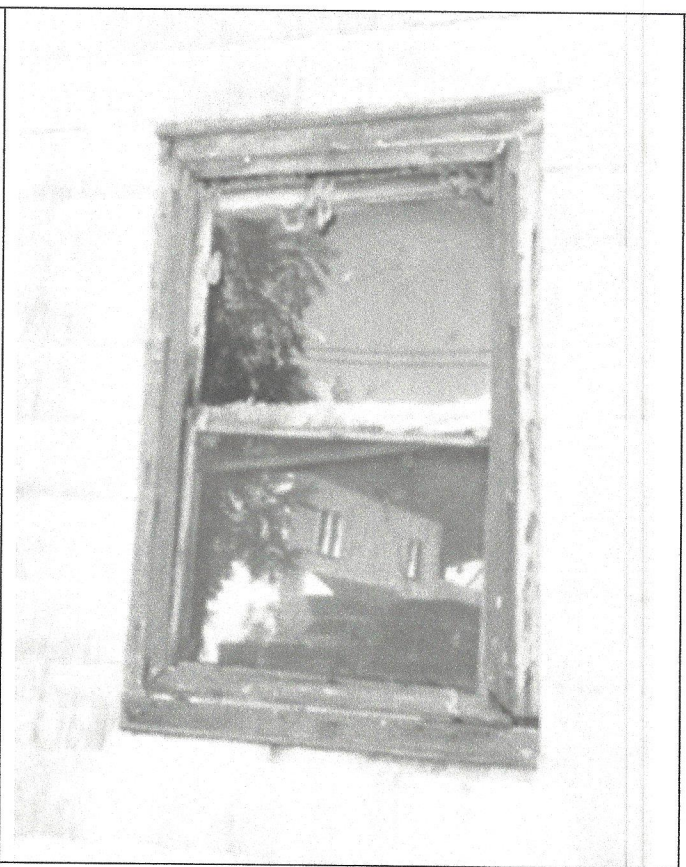


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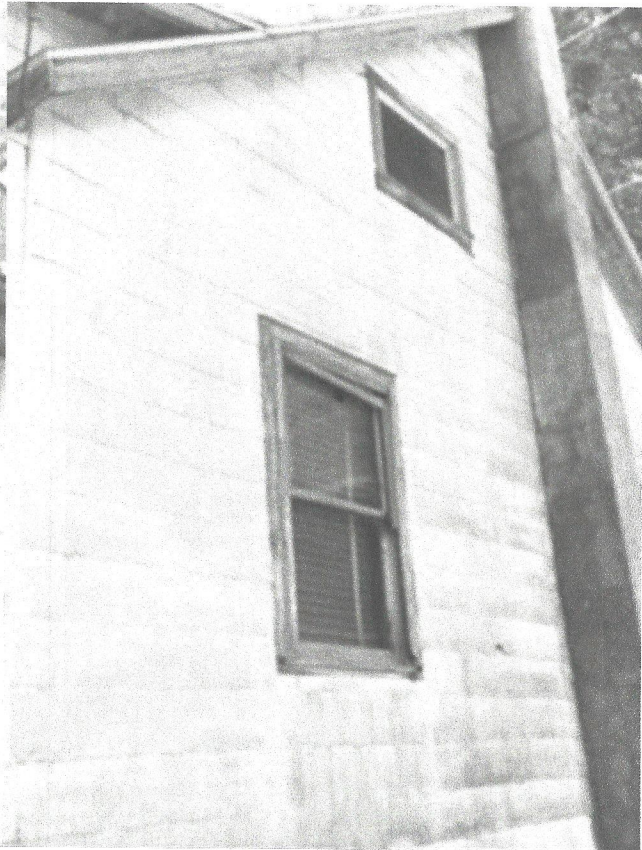


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September 11, 2017

Rob McLarnon  
Code Enforcement Officer

Re: 109 Finestkind Lane (109 Strasburg Road) Building Permit Application  
Dear Rob:

At the Historical Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the members of the Historical Commission considered a building permit application for the historic resource located at 109 Strasburg Road. The Commission found that the property is included in the East Fallowfield Township inventory of historic resources, and is identified therein as a Class II property, probably built in or around 1800, described as vernacular in style constructed largely of stone.

The Historical Commission reviewed the permit application for the above referenced property in which the applicant has stated that the proposed work is to provide a new roof for the existing structure. The applicant has indicated that the roof is to be cedar shakes. The Historical Commission is of the opinion that cedar shakes would have been a typical roofing material utilized in structures of the age of the applicant property, and as such, would be aesthetically acceptable and accurate for the Commission's perspective. That being the case, the Historical Commission recommends that a building permit be issued to the applicant for this work subject to any other requirements as may be required by the Code Enforcement Officer.

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September 12, 2017

Rob McLarnon  
Code Enforcement Officer

Re: 505 Mortonville Road Building Permit Application

Dear Rob:

At the Historical Commission meeting on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, the members of the Historical Commission considered a building permit application for the historic resource located at 505 Mortonville Road. The Commission found that the property is included in the East Fallowfield Township inventory of historic resources, and is identified therein as a Class II property, probably built in or around 1800. The owner has appeared before the Commission several times to discuss renovations to this property, and it is believed that a portion of the work as described in the plans submitted by the owner in support of the permit application has already commenced.

The Historical Commission reviewed the permit application and plans submitted, and has concluded that we are presently unable to make any recommendation with respect to the subject application. The plans as submitted, do not include any elevation views or renderings which would enable the Commission to clearly understand how the renovations might compliment the structure or adhere to its prior condition. The Commission often relies on detailed material descriptions, photographs, or drawings of the proposed work to understand how the renovation relates to its surroundings and how faithful the finished work shall be in style and appearance to the original structure. No information of this sort has been provided for consideration.

At this time, the Historical Commission recommends that the permit application be deferred until such time as the owner can provide the information as described above. Information such as material specifications, photos (before and after), elevation drawings, window descriptions, trim and molding descriptions would all be helpful in evaluating this project for a historic resource perspective. The commission has also noted that the submitted plans appear to lack important information relative to material specifications and architectural detail that would indicate compliance with certain code requirements.

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