

East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2013

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

II. Roll call

- Attendees: Joe McCormick, Garth Monaghan, Lee Schlingman, Buddy Rhoades, Sue Monaghan, Arthur DeLeo
- Absent: Arthur DeLeo

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

- 1) Minutes of October 2013 Meeting were reviewed, and with minor corrections, the minutes were approved by unanimous vote
- 2) Garth commented on the notification to the BOS that there was no provision in the Historic Ordinance stating that a property 50 years of age or older was to be considered a “historic resource” – agreeing that the EF ordinance did not have such a provision, but thought that there may be a state provision concerning the 50 year age. Further investigation to be undertaken.

IV. Old Business

1) Mortonville Bridge

- a) No update. Senator Dinniman’s office has been contacted about potential for additional work to restore bridge’s appearance similar to original
- b) Arthur will follow-up
- c) Discussion of failure of Section 106 review process to include EF concerns with maintaining the aesthetic character of the bridge in the recently completed renovation process

2) Frog Hollow Bridge

- a) Reported that all legal impediments to PENNDOT restoration have been resolved and that the bridge is scheduled to be renovated before 2015
- b) Section 106 review process has been initiated, EF contacted for representation

3) Updates to Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey

- a) Lee has provided a record of properties sold in the Township in recent years to see if any of the transferred properties are listed on the EF Windshield Survey (of historic resources), updates to Survey will be made accordingly

4) Photos/Memorabilia for Website

- a) Buddy presented a collection of old photographs which might be posted on website. Lee will scan the photos, and contact Denise about uploading them to the website

5) Memberships expiring in 2013

- a) Still need Fred’s credentials
- b) By a unanimous vote, the HC approved a motion to make a recommendation to the BOS that Fred Bissinger and Lee Schlingman be re-appointed for an additional term beginning in 2014

V. New Business

1) and 2) Discussion of changing Historical Ordinance and membership requirements

- a) Joe stated that the BOS was of the understanding that two new members to the HC were needed, and that the Ordinance requirement that one needed to be an architect and the other a real estate agent might make it difficult to find such interested persons, therefore the Ordinance requirement was being questioned. When Joe advised that there were no vacancies to fill as Fred and Lee desire to continue as members, the issue was dropped
- b) Although not put to a vote, there was discussion and agreement that the inclusion of both an architect and real estate professional had been invaluable in the past, and the idea of lowering the overall qualifications of the HC seemed contrary to the important role the HC plays in protection of historic resources.

2) PENNDOT - Representation for Speakman (Frog Hollow Bridge) Section 106 process

- a) Joe McCormick will represent the EFHC
- b) Arthur DeLeo will attend as a “concerned citizen”

3) Meeting Dates for 2014

- a) A unanimous vote to maintain the current meeting date and time, i.e. the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm was taken
- b) Joe will advise Denise Miller

4) Historic Society of PA request

- a) As the East Fallowfield Historic Commission holds most historic artifacts and memorabilia, it was agreed to forward the request to Rusty Young

5) HARB discussion

- a) Sue and Lee will investigate the requirements and restrictions

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:27pm