



East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

July 2, 2014

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

II. Meeting attendance

- Joe McCormick, Garth Monaghan, Sue Monaghan, Buddy Rhoades, Fred Bissinger, and Lee Schlingmann present. Arthur DeLeo absent. Quorum met.

III. Review of minutes of prior meeting

- Unanimous vote to adopt minutes of June 6, 2014 meeting as “approved” with corrections.

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 additional update
 - **Frog Hollow Bridge (Speakman’s No. 1 Covered Bridge)** – construction scheduled to commence later this year.
 - i. PennDOT has conducted surveys to evaluate existing structural elements to catalog for use in the reconstruction and renovation. Survey necessary due to the amount of time passed since the original survey was prepared. Plan is to utilize as much of the original materials as is possible based on structural integrity.
 - ii. Physical work on the bridge has not commenced as of this date, last estimate was early fall of 2014 to get started.
 - **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey** – modifications to the Windshield Survey are needed.
 - i. Certain changes to the originally compiled survey are known, and it is believed there are many other changes to be made in the document to keep it up-to-date. As the spreadsheets of the survey available are “read-only” and cannot be modified, the original work product is needed.
 - ii. Joe McCormick has contacted the Township Secretary, Lisa Valaitis to see if she can locate the Windshield Survey disc; to date, she has not located the disc.
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- iii. Sue Monaghan stated she would try to locate a source of the original disc
- **Website Additions** – HC plans to enhance the Township website appeal by adding photos and other information pertaining to the Township’s historic resources. Lee Schlingmann has digitized and enhanced photos provided by Buddy Rhoades for posting to Township website.
 - i. Lee Schlingmann has digitized and enhanced photos provided by Buddy Rhoades for posting to Township website. Buddy acknowledged that his original photos have been returned to him
 - ii. The HC has been advised to propose the website modifications to the Board of Supervisors for approval
 - iii. There may be budgetary constraints with paying for web service. Buddy stated he would try to review the agreement the Township has with the webmaster.

V. Discussion - New Business

- **2305 Strasburg Road** – the property owners, Jeff and Lynne Van de Motte appeared before the Commission, and presented photographs depicting the present condition of the structures on the property, as well as sketch plans of proposed modifications of the house with an addition to the rear of the house.
 - i. The property was determined to be a Class II historic resource included in the Township inventory.
 - ii. Short-term renovation and restoration plans included the rehabilitation of the interior space to make it habitable, and repair and restoration of the exterior facade in keeping with the original/existing appearance and materials is planned. A later addition to the rear of the house is also planned.
 - iii. The Commission found the short-term plans would maintain the original aesthetics of the property, and would notify the Code Enforcement official that the HC has no objections to the issuance of a permit and the commencement of the work subject to the requirements of other local ordinances and applicable building codes.
 - iv. The Commission did state that the proposed addition to the house would need to be reviewed by the HC prior to the issuance of a building permit for that phase of the planned work.
 - **8 Edward Drive** – preliminary architectural elevations of a proposed garage with loft to be constructed were presented to the Commission for review.
 - i. The property was determined to be a Class II historic resource included in the Township inventory.
 - ii. The proposed plans include a detached structure with board-and-batten siding and a standing seam metal roof, the style of which was determined to be complimentary in style and detail with the existing house and the period of the house.
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- iii. Owner plans mention that an original carriage house on the property was destroyed in the tornado of 1877 according to published accounts of that event, and the owner plans to replicate the original amenities of the property.
- iv. The Commission found the proposed structure would complement the original aesthetics of the property, and would notify the Code Enforcement official that the HC has no objections to the issuance of a permit and the commencement of the work subject to the requirements of other local ordinances and applicable building codes.

VI. Adjourn Meeting – meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe McCormick

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Historical Commission Chairman