



East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2015

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

II. Meeting attendance

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

III. Review of minutes of prior meeting

- **Minutes of April 1, 2014 reviewed and approved.**

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. Buddy Rhoades indicated he had further discussion with Sen. Dinnimin’s office. He was advised that they will contact him. No communication from the Senator’s office as yet.
 - ii. Karen Marshall (CCHPN) noted that the Mortonville Bridge has regionally become an example of how not to renovate an historic bridge. She also stated that there have been inquiries as to how the appearance might be changed to make it appear similar to what it had previously looked like.
 - iii. **Fred Bissinger to forward information to Karen Marshall with ideas on adding a stone veneer to walls.**
 - **Frog Hollow Bridge (Speakman’s No. 1 Covered Bridge)** – construction scheduled to commence later this year.
 - i. **PennDOT contacted with respect to communication provisions agreed to as a part of the Section 106 meeting of concerned parties. No response.**
 - **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey** – modifications to the Windshield Survey are needed.
 - i. Joe McCormick has updated survey with new owners as available from Township records.
 - ii. Joe McCormick has input much of the Property Owner information on to the windshield survey and made some other updates to the data
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- iii. **A suggestion to update the map and survey is included on the Comprehensive plan to be proposed to the BOS.**
 - **Website Additions** – HC plans to enhance the Township website appeal by adding photos and other information pertaining to the Township’s historic resources.
 - i. **No further action taken to date.**
 - **Electronic Storage of Historical Commission documents and records** – discussed the idea of scanning and preserving documents to electronic media to prevent loss or damage of the records. This will be an ongoing project, further meetings will discuss the means and methods.
 - I. **This will be an ongoing project as time permits**
 - **11 Park Avenue** – new property owners appeared before the HC to request that a demolition permit application be approved for the property which is listed in the Township’s historic resource inventory as a class 1 structure.
 - I. **HC decided to recommend the issue of a demolition permit with special requirements.**
 - II. **Property owners proceeded with demolition without providing information that the HC had requested with permit issue; structures completely demolished, area remediated.**

V. Discussion - New Business

- **2305 Strasburg Road** – permit application review. Owners Jeff and Lynne VandeMotte appeared before the Commission with plans for an addition to the structure. The structure was determined to be included on the Township’s historic resource inventory as a Class 2 resource built approximately in 1820.
 - i. **Following a review of the architectural plans submitted for review, the HC made recommendations concerning the front porch and the front entry door. It was recommended that the front porch be kept more in keeping with a period porch, and that the glass door shown on the plans would be more suitable if replaced with a solid raised panel door. Flanking windows at the door were acceptable.**
 - ii. **The commission voted to recommend the issue of a building permit. The BOS and code enforcement officer shall be so notified of the recommendation.**
- **512 South Caln Road** – permit application review. Owners Jeremiah and Bridget Eldredge appeared before the Commission with plans for the renovation of the structure and construction of an attached addition. The structure was determined to be included on the Township inventory of historic resources a Class 2 resource built approximately in 1798, and formerly known as the Robert Kennedy House.
 - i. **Following a review of the architectural plans submitted, the HC made recommendations as to the exterior finishes. It was recommended that vinyl siding be avoided in favor of either stucco similar to that existing elsewhere on the**

structure, or a vertical siding such as “German” siding or cementitious board such as “Hardiplank” or a similar product that would provide an appearance of what might be more in keeping with the age of the structure.

- ii. The commission voted to recommend the issue of a building permit. The BOS and code enforcement officer shall be so notified of the recommendation.
- 265 Buck Run Road – permit application review. Owners Highland Investment Group Holdings appeared before the Commission with plans for the renovation of the structure. The structure was determined to be included on the Township inventory of historic resources a Class 2 resource built approximately in 1910.
 - i. The HC reviewed plans, engineering documents and photos of the structure. It was noted that certain work has commenced without a permit.
 - ii. The commission voted to recommend the issue of a building permit. The BOS and code enforcement officer shall be so notified of the recommendation.

VI. **Adjourn Meeting** – meeting adjourned at 7:55PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe McCormick

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