EAST FALLOWFIELD HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To: East Fallowfield Board of Supervisors

Re: Abrahams Subdivision

On January 13, 2010 the available members of the commission met with Township officials, our Township engineer, PADOT representatives, agents from E.B. Walsh and property owner Mr. Abrahams. The topic of discussion was primarily one of acceptable sight distance exiting the existing historical property driveway.

All parties agreed that the removal of an existing mature evergreen and subsequent re-grading of the hillside to the west of the driveway will provide an acceptable line of sight. The following observations and recommendations were discussed at the regular meeting of the Historical Commission that evening.

1. Prior separation of the historic home, out buildings and grounds would have negated the necessity of tree removal and earth disturbance.
2. The Commission feels that suitable replacement measures will be applied that will result in evergreen plantings on this property.
3. No tree removal or earth disturbance until final approval has been issued by the Board of Supervisors.
4. Post and rail fencing should be replaced along road frontage and extended westward along the proposed area of disturbance.
5. Minimize impact to the hillside; PADOT personnel suggested a 1:2 rather then a 1:3 ratio of taper to avoid damage to other mature trees on the site.
6. Existing PECO pole can remain in place; there is no need to compromise other mature trees at the front of the dwelling.
7. The Historical Commission would like to review the Landscape Plan before final approval is granted to ensure that native species of trees and shrubs are indicated in the area of the Doe Run Church cemetery and questions the need for tree removal proposed for lot #7. These appear to be a grouping of mature trees which do not appear to interfere with the building footprint shown.

Respectfully submitted,

The East Fallowfield Historical Commission
Sue Monaghan, Secretary