

Schuylkill Township Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting – August 21, 2017

FINAL AND APPROVED

Members Attending: Sandy Momyer, John Gregory, David Kiefer, Khalil Hihi, Dorothy Bedford, Jay Stearly, Ginny Stearly. Members absent: Dianne Cram.

Others in Attendance: Barbara Cohen, Martha Majewski, Fred Parry, Susan Guerette.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from the July 2017 meeting were not available.

Announcements:

- August 24 – Valley Forge Park/ Schuylkill HC – Town Tours. Dianne, Ginny, Jay, David and Dorothy are on deck.
- Sept 14 – Schuylkill Township Police Committee Meeting at Phoenixville CC, open to the public.
- November 4 – Founders Day at PCC – Honoring Galloway Morris, collector of memorabilia. A talk by Ryan Conroy (of Phoenixville Area Historical Society), on Phoenixville and World War I.

Updates:

- **Chester County Historic Preservation Network:** The ½ page ad proposed on behalf of the Meadowbrook Barn, was designed by Sandy and Khalil Hihi, and submitted.
- **465 Clothier Spring Road:** After a property visit, the approval was sent to the Zoning Officer.
- **515 Valley Forge Road:** Approval sent to Zoning Officer, repair work underway.
- **Community Newsletter:** Sandy wrote articles (Founders Day and others).
- **Charlestown Township Historical Society, “Sketches of Charlestown Township”.** A copy has been purchased by STHC and put in Dorothy Bedford’s care. This book includes early history of Schuylkill Township, before its incorporation in 1826.

25 Jug Hollow Road - Nancy Funk. Ms. Funk was represented by Turrey Kepler, Esq., who submitted the will of Jane McIntyre, documenting Ms. Funk’s standing to request de-listing of the property from the Historical Commission’s Survey. Mr. Kepler emphasized that the structure is in an advanced state of deterioration and has no known historical significance. Sandy commented that the age of the house is important (1760); that it does have significance to the local community of the era and that the listing was done in the best judgement of our independent consultant. Jay Stearly reminded us that this case brings up the need to periodically review all properties on the Historical Survey for compliance/ proper maintenance.

- This petition was referred to the Township Committee for further action.

331 Pawlings Road – Helen Kane (Ozowski). The situation of the property was. It is currently listed for sale, and related interior renovations are not of concern to this Commission.

Valley Vet – Tom Carnevale. Postponed until September.

Whitehorse Road-Phoenixville, LLC (Wawa): The next hearings are Wednesday, Aug. 23, and Wed., Aug 29. Both will take place at the Valley Forge Fire Company beginning at 6 pm. The Commission is waiting for a response on the archeological study proposal

Valley Park/Trolley Station (with EAC): Martha Majewski reported that all permit approvals have now been received. Dianne and Sandy met with the carpenter for a proposal to complete the window work. Next phase will be floors. We expect to coordinate with Jerry O'Dell (EAC) on signage.

Meadowbrook Barn/Phoenixville Area School District (PASD)

- John and Dianne are designing a brochure for developers, realtors, etc. to advertise the property.
- Clean-up date for house set for September 23. PASD will provide gloves, bags, masks, dumpster and two staff.
- The Historical Commission needs an extension of the original 13 month task force agreement. Sandy will contact.
- Barbara Cohen suggested contacting the Chester County Economic Development Council.

Anderson Barn: The sheriff's sale took place June 15; the property was sold for \$1.00. John Gregory confirmed that the bank was the purchaser.

2018 Historical Commission budget request: Sandy expects to make the following requests:

- \$10,000 Trolley building
- \$ 5,000 Historical Commission operations
- \$ 1,000 Legal
- \$ 150 for petty cash and \$400 for our software license.

Old Business:

- **Streams:** Dorothy reported that recent documents from Mike Bartram suggest that the property encompassing Waterway #12 was owned by the Widow Mattis in 1799. Due to the infrequency of female names, we propose "Widow's Brook" for this stream, which concludes the Historical Commission's recommendations on the naming project.
- **#175 Bridge** (Creek Rd/ Pickering Creek) and #791 (Valley Park Rd/Anderson Brook) – no news
- **100 Country Club** (corner Rt. 23) – no news. David Kiefer will contact the owner.
- **100 Creek Road** – no news. Sandy will contact the owner, Dr. Eisner.
- **University of Valley Forge** - no news
- **29 South White Horse:** Mark Faulkner says the permit has expired.

New Business: Fred Parry suggested the Historical Commission consider hosting a Chester County Preservation Network event.

Sandy thanked everyone for their efforts. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by
Dorothy Bedford

Next meeting will be held on Sept. 18, 2017 at 7pm.