

## **HISTORICAL COMMISSION EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP Tuesday April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

The April, 2011 regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Historical Commission was held in the Township Administration Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 10390-1822.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mary Sue Boyle, Chair  
Ann Armstrong  
Eleanor Thompson  
Erik Freeland

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Rich Gallagher  
Rick Kirijan  
Peggy Scholl

**STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT:**

Brenden Beaumont

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Ron and Linda Barchet (for HR#3)  
John Cluver, Architect (for WCU)  
Dee Giardina (for WCU)  
Bob Plucienik, Engineer (for WCU)  
Mary Ann Rossi, Attorney (for WCU)  
David LaPenta, Project Mgr. (for WCU)  
Richard Przywara, WCU Foundation Executive Director

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair, Mary Sue Boyle.

**MINUTES:**

Ann Armstrong made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 15th meeting as presented. Eleanor Thompson seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**HR#3, 1377 SKELP LEVEL ROAD (WHITAKER HOUSE) BARCHET RESIDENCE**

Addition and alterations with architect Michael H. Visich. Metal seamed roof as is. Currently it is all stucco over stone with one section of cinderblock. They would like to expose the stone and repoint the stone. Siding in the "wood" sections would be cement board beaded siding. The windows will be 6 over 6 and 6 over 9 with "real Muttons – not "press ins." The porches will be made into enclosed rooms. Two dormers will be added to rear of house. The doors will be wood. Mary Sue Boyle made the motion and Ann seconded that we recommend to approve the plans and that we review the plans for the windows and doors at a later date (most of them will remain as is).

**WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY – EXPANSION OF STUDENT HOUSING – S. CAMPUS  
SD#610**

The parking is close to HR# 121 due to fire and emergency improvements, around the five new dorms. Also this proposed proximity to the south avoids the steep slope and will preserve more existing trees so the parking would be within 15' of historic house.

To minimize impact on the farm house, (the current parking lot adjoins the building for six cars). The building is under used except by the facilities maintenance department. It would be too costly to bring this building to code. A small shed near the house would be torn down as there is no purpose for this structure. The university is not prohibited from encroachment but they must comply with the landscape and buffering provisions of the Township Code. The university wants to create a residential neighborhood and they will bring some attention to the historic farmhouse. The Historical Commission agreed to meet with University representatives at 5:30 p.m. Monday, April 25 off of South Campus Drive to look at the parking and the farmhouse.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DESIGN GUIDELINES**

Funding has dried up and there are no grants. Could the Historical Commission use Facebook which could be put onto the East Bradford link?

**CICCARONE at 931 Lenape Rd. (near HR# 124 Baldwin's Book Barn)**

We recommend that the Supervisors vote down this project.

**AMENDMENT TO STRODE'S MILL NATIONAL REGISTER HISTORIC DISTRICT:**

Amount of impact and importance of the large Tigue Property and the Tigue family (HR#137) should be conveyed to the Supervisors for their next meeting, Thursday, May 5. Mary Sue Boyle will prepare a letter with the Historical Commission's approval to be addressed to the Board of Supervisors.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting of the Historical Commission will be held on **TUESDAY, May 17th at 7:00 PM.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With no further business to be discussed, Mary Sue Boyle adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Armstrong