

HISTORICAL COMMISSION EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP August 20, 2013

The August regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Historical Commission was held on August 20th in the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 19380-1822.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Sue Boyle
Peggy Scholl
Erik Freeland
Rick Kirijan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Eleanor Thompson
Ann Armstrong
Rich Gallagher

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT: Brenden Beaumont

GUESTS PRESENT: Dennis Metzger, Twp. Resident, Damon Kletzien, West Goshen resident in attendance to observe the Historical Commission business.

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Mary Sue Boyle.

MINUTES: Rick Kirijan made a motion to approve the June 18th minutes, Peggy Scholl seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sykes Barn, Class I, HR # 151-152: Meeting with Dennis Metzger, adjoining property owner:

Dennis presented photos of the barn, the National Register Listing of the property and a "Proposal to preserve and maintain the barn constructed by Joseph Hance Circa 1801". The barn is currently owned by East Bradford Township and has been deed separated from the original house in the early 1980's. Dennis has sought input from John Milner, Architect and Gary Gredell, Structural Engineer. Dennis' desire is to clean up the barnyard and take steps to preserve the remaining barn structure in order to arrest the deterioration of the structure. The Historical Commission voiced unanimous support for Dennis' intent and asked to be kept updated as his project proceeds.

Chester County Art Association Plot Plan: The Historical Commission viewed the plan and found no impact to historic resources. The plan was applauded by the Historical Commission.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ciccarone Preliminary Subdivision Plan of 931 Lenape Road, dated 7.16.2013:

The Historical Commission reviewed the plan and has the following comments:

- Historic Dam on the property is not identified in the plans.
- The buffering of the Class I resources not demonstrated.
- Pa Brandywine Scenic Byway Commission has noted this viewshed as a significant historic setting and thus must comment on the impact of the viewshed.
- Historical Commission finds this development to be a net negative to the historic setting immediately north of the Strode's Mill National Register District.
- No historic resource impact study has been provided by the applicant.

-Phase I Archeological Survey is indicated due to Early Historic Agricultural use, Brandywine Battle pathway during the Revolutionary War and significant Lenape Indian sites known in the immediate area.

Oral History Project: A list of potential candidates for interview was discussed; volunteers interested in assisting the project discussed.

The next regular meeting of the Historical Commission will be on Tuesday, September 17 at 7:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business, Mary Sue adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Boyle**