

HISTORICAL COMMISSION EAST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP September 15, 2015

The regular meeting of the East Bradford Township Historical Commission was held on September 15, 2015 in the Township Building, 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, Chester County, Pa., 19380-1822.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Sue Boyle
Peg Scholl
Ann Armstrong
Rich Gallagher
Rick Kirijan

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jean Renshaw
Marie Boisvert

STAFF/PROFESSIONALS PRESENT: Brenden Beaumont

GUESTS PRESENT: Laurie and George Meyers

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair, Mary Sue Boyle.

MINUTES: Peg Scholl made a motion to approve the August 4 minutes; Rick Kirijan seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

HR # 57 Class I Hannum Tenant House- New owners, Laurie and George Meyers submitted samples of CertainTeed Landmark Premium Asphalt Shingles and will completely re-roof the resource excluding flat rubber roof. The application was motioned by Mary Sue Boyle and approved for recommendation to re-roof the house with shingle samples submitted and approved. All were in favor.

Ciccarone Final Subdivision Plan: Plan is adjacent to HR #136 Class I Fox Hill Farm. The Historical Commission reviewed and discussed the plans and has the following comments:

1. The NE corner of Fox Hill's property leading to Rte 52 has insufficient buffering, as does the western property line at Lot 1, which needs to be increased in order to protect the HR from headlights and noise from Norma's Way traffic, and therefore fails to meet the requirements of 115-129B. Although there is currently a driveway there, 5 families (instead of one) driving past the HR will drastically increase the noise and light pollution impacting the HR- so additional buffering is needed to protect the HR.

2. The HOA should be required to maintain the vegetative buffering.

3. The Historic Resource Impact Study has never been "presented by the applicant for discussion at a meeting of the Historical Commission" as required by 115-131.1B. The Historical Commission has been anticipating the meeting for three years.

Further, the current historic resource professional consultant, Wise Consultants, represents a conflict of interest in preparing and presenting a report to the Historical Commission as Wise Consultants was paid by the Township as our consultant for the Historical Commission's Photo Survey, as well as drafting the Amendment to Strode's Mill National Register Historic District. During these many years of compensation and working closely with the Historical Commission Wise Consultants was intimately involved with our methodology and ordinance drafting and subsequent amendment to the Historical Commission's amendment to the Code of the Township, which added resources and changed classifications of existing resources in the Historic Resource Inventory. Wise Consultants was privy to in-depth research conducted to justify the Amendment to the Strode's Mill National Register District. The Historical Commission recommends consideration of another qualified historic preservation consultant for subdivisions and land developments in East Bradford Township due to the noted conflict of interest with Wise Consultants.

4. The locations of the driveways and garages for lots 4 and 5 should be repositioned so they are not visible from the adjacent historic resource. Applicant should also change the decks for Lots 4&5 so they are not visible to the resource.
5. The Historical Commission cannot assess the impact to the historic resource without architectural drawings of the new houses.
6. The Historical Commission suggests changing the garage orientation of lot 7 to the North East elevation.
7. The Historical Commission recommends merging the driveways of lots 6&7 and increasing buffering from the Scenic Byway View shed.
8. The Historical Commission recommends that heavier, thicker buffering of items 4, 6 and 7 above; would avoid the suggested repositioning of Lots 4 and 5 and 7 and lessen the need for a merged driveway consideration for lots 6 and 7.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tigue Farmstead Class I DOE Toll Brothers Sketch Plan: Mary Sue Boyle has been contacted by a representative of Toll Brothers requesting a tour of the Tigue Farmstead. Due to Historical Commission members' schedules, the tour may occur at some point towards the end of October when members can attend and photograph the resource structures.

Oral History Project:

One Oral History was conducted in July. Marie will schedule interviews with residents in September. Mary Sue, Rick and Rich will resume in October with two remaining interviews.

The next regular meeting of the East Bradford Historical Commission is Tuesday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: With no further business, Mary Sue Boyle motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Sue Boyle