

## **WALLACE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES – February 25, 2013**

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The meeting was opened by Vice-Chairman, Mark Kinkelaar at 7:20 PM Attending: Bonnie Radford, Janice Keith, Jennifer Harkins, Isabelle Blank, Sandy Brannan, Janet Grashof

January minutes were approved with corrections.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** National Trust for Historic Places – annual renewal form. National Park Foundation – request for a donation. Preservation PA magazine/newsletter. Preservation PA – letter acknowledging \$35 contribution for 2013.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** Steph and Mark attended. Discussion about next steps on repairing the Indiantown Schoolhouse. Mark attended a tour of the Schoolhouse the Wednesday after the meeting – present at the tour of the schoolhouse was Mark, Bill Moore, Craig Kologie from Castle Valley Engineering. The new Recorder for Oral History was requested and approved. Stephanie requested that the Township make a donation of \$1000 to the Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) in Jane Davidson's memory. The Board approved.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No meeting in February – no report. Next meeting 3/13/2013. Jan Keith will act as a co-liaison between Planning Commission, particularly during Comprehensive Plan revision, with Janet.

**ORAL HISTORY:** A new recorder was purchased for the Historical Commission. A Zoom, H2 Next. Mark has a video of Jane doing a brief history that Sandy provided – the Commission should consider digitizing it for the archives.

**PERMANENT COLLECTION:** Sandy had Betty order a copy of A History Of Downingtown book for the Commission's archives. Jane Davidson was involved in writing and producing. Sandy is also looking for a cookbook that Jane was involved in. Sandy donated a photocopy of the One Room Schoolhouse, written by Jane in 1976. Bonnie submitted photos of the Park Lane bridge before reconstruction (1989/1990) – these were donated by Howard Lowman. Isabelle submitted the program for Jane L. S. Davidson's funeral service 12/20/2012. Jen submitted a copy of a County Lines article (Feb. 2013-page 15) mention of Jane's passing.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Atlas site research – discussion about final outstanding resources. Mark shared report to be presented to Board of Supervisors on 3/7/13 w/ list of Resources and PHMC criteria for identifying historically significant resources. Big thanks to Mark on behalf of the Commission all the hard work on the Atlas. The Commission voted to submit the report with corrections and attachments for 3/7 BofS meeting. Everyone will try to attend as this is the conclusion of a big project. Party Planning meeting for Village Dedication celebration – 3/18 – date of normal work session.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** Indiantown Schoolhouse – discussion at Supervisor’s meeting about further renovations. It is the Historical Commission’s position that a Scope of Work/Use Assessment for the entire project is needed vs. doing projects independently of each other. Commission members reviewed a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of a letter to be presented at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Board of Supervisor’s meeting. Revisions will be made and the letter sent out to Commission members for vote prior to the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Should consider sending a letter to Randy and Sharon Davidson and Christine (Tina) Davidson regarding the Historical Commission’s willingness to help with reviewing and accepting any historic records, documents or other resources that the Davidson family may be willing to donate to Township HC.

**Meetings:** Next Work Session day/time – March 18, 2013 at 7pm – to be used for Village Dedication planning. Next HC Meeting March 25, 2013 at 7pm.

Meeting adjourned 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harkins, Secretary