

July 26, 2010 – Wallace Township Historical Commission Minutes

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Jennifer Harkins at 7:15 PM. Attending the meeting were Isabelle Blank, Bonnie Radford, Jane Davidson, Stephanie Grunwell, and Beverly Bock. Also attending were guests Louise and Carl Walker.

The Walkers attended the meeting to show the Commission a sign that they had made to attach to the Grist Mill they are rehabilitating on Creek Road. The sign says "Springton Mill, 1770". There was much discussion about the wording and the history of the Mill. In our records the Mill is identified as "Robert McConaghey Mill, 1769". Mr. Walker also had found a stencil buried on the property that says:

#169 New Progress

"The Springton Mill Co."

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Family Flour

A vote was taken to permit them to use the "Springton Mill, 1770" for approval, in conformance with the signage section of the Wallace Township Zoning Ordinance. The permit will be submitted for approval to the Township Code Enforcement Officer, Bruce Graff. Jane expressed her disapproval of the new sign verbiage.

The May minutes were approved as corrected. The June meeting was cancelled due to the violent storm several days before that downed many trees and damaged some of the roof on the township building.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Preservation Pennsylvania magazine

Preservation Pennsylvania Membership card

Letter from the Montpelier Foundation for a donation

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

We had no attendance to the July 1 meeting. Jane will attend the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION

In discussion of Article X, the Planning Commission has to review this and approve it, and then it goes to the Board of Supervisors, with a rebuttal from the Historical Commission if needed.

Jane attended the meeting and presented each one of them a copy of the new portfolio she has prepared to educate them on the correct laws of historic preservation. (Refer to New Business.)

#### PERMANENT COLLECTION

Daily Local, Rotary Journal picture of Bob and Beverly Bock dated June 2010

Daily Local News – two articles June 29 and 30, of the storm on Thursday, June 24 that hit Wallace Township hard.

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Philadelphia Inquirer – one article of the storm, dated June 29.

Two articles on homes for sale in Glenmoore – Real estate section of the Daily Local News.  
Under Fire Plaque for our work in attempting to preserve the Springton Road Bridge,  
And Citation from Chester County Commissioners.

Program from the Dedication of the Historical Plaques of Fairview Presbyterian Church & Sons of the Utah Pioneers at the Historic Seminary Building, Wallace Township, PA on Saturday July 24. The building was used as both a school and a meeting place for Mormons and Presbyterians in the 1800's. Also an article from the Daily Local News, dated July 23 inviting the public to attend. Bonnie donated pictures of the dedication and the plaque.

Pictures of the storm damage to the Radford property 1020 Little Conestoga Road.

Letter from PECO to their customers explaining the damage done to wires and trees.

### ORAL HISTORY

None. All members are asked to write their storm experience for the records.

### OLD BUSINESS

Community Day was June 26, the day after the storm. Isabelle was the only member who attended, due to storm damage and access to roads. We were not able to get into the township building to access our files. So we had nothing to put out on our table.

The Lamb Tavern wall has collapsed. There is not much the Historical Commission can do with the stabilization.

There has been no further contact with the Ashlea Homeowners Association which requested information on the historic barn, which was the Alexander Craig Plantation.

Glenmoore Historic District. The Commission needs to write a letter to Pennsylvania State Historic Review Board by October, asking for their review and acceptance as a Historic District. Then there are 45 days for the National Park Service to approve also.

The State and the Village of Glenmoore plan to hold a meeting in the Wallace Township Building on August 19<sup>th</sup>. This will include the property owners in the Historic District, members of the Township Historical Commission, members of the Planning Commission, The Board of Supervisors, and representatives from the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission. If a property owner objects, he/she sends a notarized letter to PHMC which is filed with the State Historic Review Board.

Motion made to approve the draft written by Jane, by Stephanie, seconded by Bonnie so it can move forward.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jane has prepared a portfolio of Historic Preservation Brief, Public Law, Regulations, Procedures for each member of the Planning Commission, Historical Commission, and a copy on file in Municipal Office. The portfolio includes Federal, State, County, and Municipality – Wallace Township laws concerning Historic Preservation.

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We will each review the portfolio before the next meeting in August. We will then go over it completely at the meeting. We should be prepared to highlight any questions on wording.

Meeting adjourned, Motion made by Jane and seconded by Isabelle at 9:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly L. Bock, Secretary