

WALLACE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES – February 27, 2012
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The meeting was opened by Chairman, Stephanie Grunwell at 7:07 PM. Attending were Mark Kinkelaar, Isabelle Blank, Beverly Bock, Jennifer Harkins, Sandy Brannan, Stephanie Grunwell, and Bill Brewster.

January minutes were approved as corrected. The Board of Supervisor's report prepared by Bonnie Radford to be included as part of the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE: Chester County Historic Preservation Network Ledger (February 2012) – Spring Workshop 3/17, Chester County Historical Society Antique Show (March 16 – 18th 2012), Preserving PA Newsletter

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Bonnie Radford attended the February 2, 2012 meeting – her report is to be filed with the minutes. Next meeting is scheduled for March 1, 2012. The Historical Commission will not be sending a representative.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No Report.

ORAL HISTORY: No Report.

PERMANENT COLLECTION: No Report or Submissions.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill Brewster attended to review his sketches and discuss the options for printing and compiling his drawings into a set of notecards to sell as a fundraising effort for the Commission. Bill is willing to donate any of his sketches to the Historical Commission. He currently has completed, or near completion, a sketch of the Indiantown Schoolhouse, the Great Oaks at Springton Manor Farm, and a watercolor of the Brewster's home and Springhouse. Thoughts include preparing a pack of 8 notecards and envelopes consisting of 4 designs – 2 of each. Potentially sell for \$12 - \$15 a pack if we can create them for \$5. We would like to add a title and date to each design and we need to investigate the possibility of copyrighting Bill's designs. Jen will investigate the potential reproduction/printing cost prior to the next meeting. Mark may be able to help with scanning the files for easier reproduction/printing.

Sandy submitted an update on her work as archivist: Sandy has been unable to find the Forks of the Brandywine newsletter – check with Jane upon her return. Sandy purchased archival file folders and has a receipt from Hollinger Metal Edge, Inc. – 6 packages of 100 @ \$29.35 per pack. Sandy provided 2 maps of the Glenmoore Historic District and requested some clarification – this will be reviewed upon Jane's return at the next Commission meeting. There is also a Glenmoore Preservation notebook. Sandy has been communicating with a Sally Fern who has offered copies of an autograph book belonging to Mary Ann Essick to the Historical Commission – she was a former resident of Glenmoore. Sandy has begun work on the file "A" folders and put contents into the Archival folders. On the left side of the folder is the name of the

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folder an on far right is an “A” in a circle indicating “Archival”. Also on the right side of the folder will be the file cabinet number to ensure folders are returned to the correct cabinet.

Status of copying the large maps in the County Files – we will discuss the status of the copies with Betty. Upon completion, files need to be returned to the County.

Work Session change – Stephanie to follow up with Betty on a potential change to the existing Work Session and communicate to the Commission.

Information on the Todd Family? Jane to provide an update to the Commission on communications with the Todd family while she was in Florida.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chester County Historic Preservation Network will be hosting their Spring Workshop on March 17, 2012 at Longwood Gardens. The topic will be the continuation of government agencies and the role they play in historic preservation.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40. Next meeting, March 26, 2012 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harkins, Secretary

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FINAL/APPROVED

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Jennifer Harkins at 7:15 PM. Attending were Mark Kinkelaar, Isabelle Blank, Beverly Bock, Bonnie Radford, Janet Grashof, Sandy Brannan, and Stephanie Grunwell.

November minutes were approved as corrected with a motion made by Stephanie, seconded by Isabelle.

2012 COMMISSION REORGANIZATION: New appointments were voted on unanimously. Chairman – Stephanie Grunwell, Vice Chairman – Mark Kinkelaar, Secretary – Jennifer Harkins Sandy Brannan will continue as Archivist, Janet Grashof as Planning Commission liaison and Bonnie Radford will continue to track finances from fundraising efforts. Positions to take effect immediately.

CORRESPONDENCE: Preservation PA Magazine, The Barnes Foundation – invitation to become a member, Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts – requesting donations, Thank you note from William Brewster (dated Sept. 2011 and mailed to Jen Harkins for delivery to HC) for the submission of Roz Brewster’s Resolution to the Township. To be filed.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: No one from the Historical Commission attended as the meeting agenda specifically dealt with budgeting. Bonnie will attend and report on Feb. 2, 2012.

PLANNING COMMISSION: 2012 Reorg – John Frommeyer is the Chairman, Jim McKrell is the Vice Chairman, and Janet Grashof is the Secretary. Barb D’Angelo resigned due to her position as a Supervisor. Bill Moore will remain as a member – he is also a Supervisor.

Remodel of Turnpike Rest Area in Wallace – The PC is expecting members from the Turnpike Commission and/or PennDot to review project with township.

Roeder Subdivision – existing property on Marty Close – owners would like to sub-divide into a total of 3 lots (2 additional building lots). PC is not sure if setbacks will be met.

Brandywine Hill Subdivision (formerly Heritage Properties) on Creek Rd. – across from Burgess Park – being purchased by Rouse Chamberlain properties.

Comprehensive Plan – The PC is planning to update as last version from 1986. Applying for a grant from the County. Twp. Engineer, Craig Kologie and Ann Hutchinson of Natural Lands Trust will write grant. Will either be directed by Planning Commission or Steering Committee (more to follow). PC is looking for surveys/prototypes from neighboring Townships for use in rewrite.

ORAL HISTORY: None

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PERMANENT COLLECTION: William Brewster sent a drawing of the Indiantown School House as it would have appeared in the 1940's. He included an additional pencil drawing of a teacher and students. He submitted it to the WTHC in mid-December via Chairman, Jennifer Harkins, with a note that he suspected we may have interest in the sketch. Isabelle will follow up with Bill to see what his thoughts are and if he has interest in compiling a selection of sketches (of Wallace's historic resources) that could be sold as notecards, etc. The sketches were submitted into the Commission's Permanent Collection.

OLD BUSINESS: Status of Mill at Creek and Devereux Rds. (Robert McConaghey Mill) – no official update but members have observed that the balcony structure has been removed.

Chester County files of approximately 96 Glenmoore Village properties have been copied and are ready for scanning. There are some large maps that the Commission will request Betty Randzin, the Township Manager, have copied to complete the files for the township. Ultimately, all of the files will be scanned. Jen will contact Karen Marshall about returning the files once all copying is completed.

Sandy Brannan requested permission to wait until Jane returns from Florida to review and compile the newly copied property files properly – this is fine. In addition, Sandy requested permission to order additional file folders as needed for her reorganization project of existing files. The Commission confirmed there is money in the budget and voted to grant Sandy permission to order. Additionally, Sandy brought in a typewriter table from her home to store in the back of the Archive area to hold the Commission's copier. It can be rolled in and out as needed.

There are some Township residents who have expressed interest in participating on the Historical Commission. Isabelle reviewed Article X, section 1003 A. (revised in June 2010) and confirmed up to 15 members.

Atlas – Mark compiled a list of all the historic resources at least 50 years or older (including resources approaching 50 years) from all of the Commission's existing property lists/files. Next Steps – We need to vet this list for accuracy and work on Classification Definitions. Work session to be planned.

This is My History Project – Jen will forward info. on this program to Bonnie so the photo taken at the Indiantown School Reunion (with the school and alumni) can be submitted on behalf of the WTHC.

Correspondence from John Todd (via email) – Jane has been in touch with Mr. Todd regarding a meeting or conversation about his family’s history in Wallace Township. Mr. Todd currently

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resides in FL but, had Jane work on his genealogy some years ago. Hopefully, more information to follow.

NEW BUSINESS: None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48. Motion made by Isabelle and seconded by Bonnie. Next meeting, February 27, 2012 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harkins, Secretary