

WALLACE TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES – March 26, 2012
Final

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Stephanie Grunwell at 7:05 PM. Attending were Stephanie Grunwell, Mark Kinkelaar, Isabelle Blank, Beverly Bock, Bonnie Radford, Jane Davidson, Jan Keith, Jennifer Harkins, Sandy Brannan, Janet Grashof, and Bill Brewster.

February minutes were accepted as presented w/ a minor correction.

CORRESPONDENCE: Preservation PA – 2012 PA Historic Preservation Awards – Accepting applications. University of Pennsylvania Museum – MAYA exhibit, Chester County Historical Society – Membership Renewal – submitted to Betty for payment.

Phone call from Iva Siever to alert the Historical Commission that she has the ledger featured in the Born of Controversy (History of Wallace Township) book and would like to give it to the Wallace Township Historical Commission. Stephanie will email and accept the donation with our thanks.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: March 1, 2012 meeting – Stephanie sent a report for the Historical Commission – no one from the Commission was in attendance. Stephanie will provide a copy of the submitted report to attach to the minutes. Isabelle will attend the April 5, 2012 meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Janet reported - The Brandywine Hill development is in the process of being taken over by Rouse Chamberlain builders to complete the project. Final Plan approval has been sent to the Board Of Supervisors upon completion of outstanding items noted in the Township Engineer’s most recent report. The lighting issue of the sub-station along the road has been addressed. Rouse Chamberlain has not been in contact with the Historical Commission regarding their plans and the historic resources that exist on the property. Stephanie will let Betty know that the Historical Commission needs to hear from Rouse Chamberlain regarding the Subdivision, the historic resources on the property, and how they intend to manage the maintenance of the historic Springhouse on the property.

Comprehensive Plan – update on the progress of the plan. Applying for a matching grant to fund the work. Working out how to proceed with obtaining citizen and commission input.

All ordinance revisions, except Article X, have been sent up to the Board of Supervisors for their review and passage. One vacancy still remains on the PC.

ORAL HISTORY: Isabelle and Beverly are revising the interview questions in preparation to interview Robert Bock.

PERMANENT COLLECTION: Jen submitted an article regarding “This Old House” recognizing West Chester’s historic homes.

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PERMANENT COLLECTION (Cont.): Jane met with Mr. and Mrs. John Todd while in Florida. Their ancestors have documented history in Wallace back to 1783. One of his ancestors donated the land that the Fairview Presbyterian Church and Cemetery are located on. Jane brought back from Florida a copy of an original letter dated March 1899 from a Dr. Byrne Jane Todd (sister of James Todd) regarding James' illness and passing. James Todd was Mr. John Todd's Great Grandfather. Jane also submitted a multipage Biography of each Todd Generation back to the 1783 Revolutionary War and the Church Program from the 100th anniversary of Fairview Presbyterian Church. The Todd's will be in Glenmoore the 2nd week of May and would like to visit with Commission and Church members. Mark will investigate the possibility of meeting with Church members and possibly Pastor Mark. Sandy and Jane will compile what the commission has on the Todd family and Mr. Todd will bring what he has to try to complete the Commission's file.

OLD BUSINESS: Notecard update – Reviewed costs for printing that were obtained from various sources. It was suggested and decided that the Township Manager (Betty Randzin) should be able to procure the best printing price and we should arrange the print job with Betty. With this information, the Commission will proceed with the project to reproduce Bill Brewster's artwork onto Notecards and offer them for sale as a fundraising effort. Logistics are being worked out.

Updated Jane on the County historic files – all files will be returned to the County upon completion of copying the Maps.

NEW BUSINESS: Sandy has photos that she took of the outbuildings and other historic resources. The photos should be checked against the 1880 census. Old Springton Forge (1766) on Creek Rd. at confluence of Indian Run and Brandywine Creek.

Sandy informed the Commission that a Mr. Devito has been in communication with Sandy. He used to live in the Zeider's current home on Springton Rd. and he attended Indiantown School (he is about 66 years old). Sandy is putting him in touch with Mrs. Zeiders.

Chester County Historical Society documentation day on Samplers – April 14, 2012 – Jane will have samplers on display.

New work session day/time – 3rd Monday of every month at 7pm as needed beginning in April.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36. Next meeting, April 23, 2012 at 7pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Harkins, Secretary