

**APPROVED**

Wallace Township Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2006

In Attendance: Beverly Bock, Elaine McGrew, Roz Brewster, Isabelle Blank, Jen Harkins, Jane Davidson. Guests: Brian Funk and Jon Thir of Touchstone Builders (71 Park Lane – Warsing Mill), Brian McDonough (for a portion of the meeting)

Warsing Mill – The owners of the old Warsing Mill (Brian Funk and Jon Thir) attended the WTHC meeting to request permission to obtain a digitally reproduced photo of the mill with a pick up truck that they had seen in a display of photography at the township building. That photo, and any others that are available to be reproduced are of interest to them. The commission is fine with the reproduction of old photography but the cost of reproduction will be the responsibility of the requestor.

Brian and Jon also reviewed their plans, current photos, and architectural drawings (as built plan) for the Mill. They are in the process of removing old machinery, doing some necessary demolition, and securing the building against trespass, water and pest penetration, etc. In rehabilitating the building, they plan to use the same materials that it was originally built with – rough sawn poplar (Amish lumber yards), stone, etc. It will be redone for adaptive reuse (retail, office space, etc.) and will most likely be leased. The building is in the village and is part of the area that is eligible for the National Historic Register – the owners will be meeting with Jane Davidson about that and some of the financial benefits that might be available to them.

Jane Davidson is receiving a Lifetime Achievement award from the state of Pennsylvania. There are a number of luncheons in her honor and Jane has invitations to the luncheon taking place in Harrisburg on May 31<sup>st</sup> if anyone is able to attend. This is a significant honor and one that is not often bestowed upon an individual.

Minutes were distributed from February 2006. They need to be reviewed and corrections made prior to approving.

- Correspondence: Preservation PA – membership was renewed  
Historic Sugartown Days announcement – April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>  
Light Impressions
- Supervisor’s Meeting: Old Orchard has been delayed  
Isabelle will attend in May
- Planning Commission: April 12<sup>th</sup> – Cornerstone on Chalfant – Conditional recommendation for approval by the planning commission to the Supervisors for preliminary plan.  
-Required on the final plan is the result of the Historical Commission property walk which has received agreement that screening will be maintained as is or reasonably sized replacements must be planted (if any plant material needs to be removed).

-When presenting the final plan they (the builder) must put together in writing what needs to be done, regarding screening, to the Historical Commission. And then the HC will send a letter to the Supervisors with our recommendation.

-Hankin – questioned component 4A of municipal planning mod. & sewage facility. Sent to DEP and received letter Feb. 28, 2006 that the DEP requires more information to review 4A.

-Letter from PHMC concerning Hamilton Sub-division dated 2/28/2006 to Hankin. No one at Wallace Township received a copy. The content of the letter focuses on the fact that there will be an adverse affect on the Hamilton/McClure and Hoopes/Wilkinson properties but not the Dunk property.

-PC sent a letter to the Supervisors recommending preliminary final plan approval on Kolb/Coltsfoot property on Fairview.

-Waive the historic impact study on the Kolb/Coltsfoot property – the HC sent a letter to that effect to the Supervisors – some additional screening material will be added to property.

-Ray Carr – Indian Run – adjacent to Girl Scout Camp. Trying to obtain 3 lot sub-division with private road. Very sketchy. Issues with wet soils, etc.

- Oral History: None
  - Historical Society: None
  - Photography: None
  - Old Business: Houseknecht property – Diane Houseknecht sent a letter to HC requesting a site visit and some direction on what they are allowed to do with the old stone that remains from a collapsed barn wall (reuse or sell). HC will schedule a site visit.
- Devereux – Elaine reported - Conditional use was approved after meeting 4/19/2006. There are issues around security. Repair Croft house – new roof, new windows – agreed to stabilize the cottage. Withdrawing the demolition permit on Croft house and refilling only in compliance with this conditional use order. Request a change from Class 2 to Class 1 historic resource ASAP (must have support).
- Lamb Tavern Springhouse – reviewed the need for a scope of service to be prepared by a professional with knowledge of historic resources prior to having any contractors bid on the work (in order to have like bids). Jane reiterated that we must have a scope of service provided by a professional in order to support obtaining grant money. Jane suggested contacting the Mid Atlantic Office of National Trust for Historic Preservation to see what steps need to be taken in order to obtain emergency grant money (\$1000) to use for a scope of services (activity) and RFP (Request for Proposal) in order to get the Springhouse stabilized. The HC took a vote and the outcome was in favor of moving forward with the Mid Atlantic Office to obtain a grant.
- Hankin – Historic Impact Study for Hamilton – Jen read the impact study and had some comment and question. Also, Jen provided a list of recommended plant material to be used in screenings to and from sub-division. It was decided that Jen, Jane, and Elaine (and any other interested commission members) would meet to review the comments on the impact study and the list of recommended plant materials. That meeting is currently being rescheduled. HC Mtg. adjourned at 9:40.