

## July 27, 2009 Wallace Township Historical Commission Minutes

The meeting was opened by Chairman, Jennifer Harkins at 7:10 PM. Present were Jane Davidson, Isabelle Blank, Bonnie Radford, Elaine McGrew, Janet Grashof, Stephanie Grunwell, and Beverly Bock.

The minutes for June 22, 2009 were approved as corrected. Motion made by Isabelle, seconded by Elaine.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Copy of receipt of a check for \$18.00 from John L. Beard for purchase of Green Book and the Historical Atlas.

Preservation Pennsylvania Magazine, July/August 2009

Preservation Pennsylvania postcard with information on a web site about 2009 Pennsylvania At Risk - [www.preservationpa.org](http://www.preservationpa.org)

Letter from National Trust for Historic Preservation requesting a contribution in addition to our membership fee. Request denied.

Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Right to Know Law. A letter acknowledging Jennifer's request, dated July 29, 2009. They will answer her request with a written letter within 30 days. (Copy of letter attached)

### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

No one attended. Jane will attend August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### PLANNING COMMISSION

Janet reported the Valhalla Brandywine Conditional Use Hearings are finished. Decision from the Board of Supervisors has not been issued yet. The Planning Commission is working on ordinance revisions. (Article X which we have revised is being typed by Elaine.)

An \$1800 Vision Partnership Grant from Chester County for Ordinance Revision has been received. The Article X Historic Preservation will be included in the Decision Order.

### PERMANENT COLLECTION

Article and photographs from Daily Local news, July 25, 2009 about Bethany Farm owned by the Messner family in Wallace Township.

Jane submitted archaeological photos of Lippitt Road predevelopment. June 2007.

1927 USGM Map of 1951 update of North Coventry Township. The map shows Wallace Township areas also. Elaine handed in the Town Tour 2009 Brochure, and also the Quilt photograph. Elaine is planning to move in the Fall and is clearing out her files.

### ORAL HISTORY

Pennell Jones of New Garden Township attended the July 23<sup>rd</sup> Town Tour. An ancestor of his, Mr. W. Yocum, was a teacher at Indiantown School. Jane suggested he be interviewed.

### OLD BUSINESS

The tree next to the springhouse at Brandywine Development on Creek Road has been removed.

Report from Bonnie about sales of our publications from Community Day and the Town Tour for a total of \$212. Preservation Pennsylvania \$56.

We had 122 guests on Town Tour and 25 volunteers. Janet will draft thank you letters. Bill for Postage for home owners pre tour letters and the following letters will be submitted to the township. A contribution will be made to Faith Alliance Church for the use of their church and the refreshments and assistance they provided. The \$150 Grant from Parks and Recreation was used to cover the signage and refreshment expenses.

Springhouse – We are willing to get an estimate to stabilize the ruin, because precedent has already been established in Wallace Township. If the Board of Supervisors concurs we will start to get an estimate for the work.

#### NEW BUSINESS

We agreed to establish a new position as Financial Record Keeper, and appointed Bonnie to that position. Motion made by Janet and seconded by Jane.

Jane will send to me a copy of the Abraham Lincoln letter. We request a copy and other information on Lincoln's relation to Wallace Township be published in the Township Newsletter.

Discussion of getting new members to our commission. Elaine will be able to attend only 1 more meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM. Motion made by Bonnie, seconded by Jane.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly L. Bock, Secretary