

Historical Commission Minutes for the September 20, 2016 Meeting

Commissioners in attendance: Maureen Noonan, Kristine Gordon-Watson, Ann Bedrick, Evie Baird

Guests: Marty Raser, Alison Mallamo, Peggy Hartzell

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

1. Minutes and Correspondence

1) The July 19, 2016 and the August 16, 2016 minutes were approved. Outgoing correspondence was a get well card to HC Member Mark Dzuban and a letter to Lisa Cremers thanking her for the donation of 68 copies of *Coventry The Skool Kill District* by Estelle Cremers and Pamela Shenk.

2. HC at Community Day in Warwick Park

Preparations for the HC presentation were discussed and the members and volunteers enlisted to attend 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Saturday September 24, 2016

3. HC's page on the ENT Website

Maureen presented a rough draft of a "mission statement" for the Historical Commission's static page on the East Nantmeal Township website. She will make the changes that arose from the ensuing discussion and will email the final "rough draft" to the township secretary to be included in the October BOS meeting agenda.

4. HC Vacancies

The Historical Commission still recommends the two responses to fill vacancies on the Historical Commission, Alison Mallamo and Gary Wills. These were brought to the attention of the BOS by letter before the August 10, 2016 meeting, where the BOS stated that the positions should be advertised on the township website, and before the September 6, 2016 meeting where the two supervisors present said they wished to wait until October and a full board of three supervisors.

5. Restrictive Covenant Update

Pat Kaiser's restrictive covenant is near completion with Bob Wise establishing a baseline, with complete architectural specificity and Pat-approved changes, a garage and a patio. Township Solicitor Tom Oeste, in the September 06, 2016 BOS meeting, suggested different wording (façade easement not restrictive covenant) and said that township enforcement would be restricted to the exterior of the building. When the draft is finalized, Oeste will attach the easements to the property deed, which must be signed, notarized and recorded.

6. Further Review of Article XVI

Again Article XVI, Historic Resource Protection Standards, from East Nantmeal Township's 2011 Zoning Ordinance was reviewed. Tyler sent an email stating: The ordinance does reference the survey so as to make it part of the ENT Historic Resources Map. The Map includes:
Historic resources found in Chester County's 1979-84 inventory with historic resource numbers, including subsequent subdivision historic resource numbers.

9. Buildings, sites, structures, objects and districts included in the Historic Resources Survey of the East Nantmeal Historical Commission.

And

The Board can revise:

B. The Historic Resources Map may be revised from time to time by action of the Board of Supervisors. In considering any revision, including additions, deletions, or changes of classification to the historic resources map, the Board of Supervisors shall receive a written recommendation from the Historical Commission.

After Dan Graham's lecture on October 18, the HC board will discuss updating the change in status of Nantmeal Village Historic District to Grade I since this district has, in fact, been Class I since its 2014 National Register of Historic Places designation. Also the resources from the 2009 survey need to be officially added to the resource map.

7. Reprint Update

With only 11 copies currently available and with the 2016 300th Iron and Steel Anniversary, the Commission has finalized, in collaboration with Warwick and South Coventry, reprinting *The Forgers*. The plan is to have the reprints on time for the October 18, 2016 talk by Daniel Graham, titled "Coventry, Reading and Warwick, Northern Chester County's Colonial Furnaces." This reprinting

will have in addition to a new forward page, a two page addenda of corrections made by Dan Graham.

8. Info Received about Saving Endangered Historic Resources

The barn at 3463 Conestoga Rd. and the Hause Store, both listed historic resources, are township landmarks. The dangerously poor condition of this barn has prompted East Nantmeal to a filing currently “in the Chester County Court system .When asked again in early July Township Solicitor Oeste said the court will order owner Montgomery to either demolish or stabilize the barn. Asked again in August and September, Oeste added no further information. As of Sept. 3, 2016, this case’s docket notes show no further action since April 5, 2016, the date a trial reminder was sent.

Alison Mallamo of the History Society offered to write to the owners of the Hause Store about this important building.

Maureen reported that the historic Warwick Furnace Rd. County Bridge #199 will be repaired and a approach wall rebuilt. The damage was caused by a very overweight and oversized tractor trailer. There are detours to shift traffic to other bridges over the French Creek

9. Historic House Plaques

Ann and Kristine will work on the dates for Kristine’s, Tyler’s and Carlana’s houses.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary