

Historical Commission Minutes

November 21, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM.

The Commissioners present are in **bold**: Evie Baird, **Ann Bedrick**, **Diana Cormack**, Mark Dzuban, **Kristine Gordon-Watson**, **Maureen Noonan**, Gary Wills.
Volunteers/Guests present: JoAnn Domanski, Carlena Robison, Marty Raser

1. Minutes

The September 19, 2017 minutes were approved.

2. HC Reports, BoS meetings: October and November, 2017

Maureen presented the following during "Committee Reports":

Oct. 11, 2017

1. The HC met Tuesday, Sept. 19. Minutes of this meeting will be posted on the HC page on the Township's website.
2. The HC participated in Community Day, Saturday, Sept. 23, at Warwick County Park. Kristine, Ann, Diana, JoAnn and Peggy shared East Nantmeal's history through various photos, maps, and artifacts with many who attended.
3. Maureen attended the State Historic Preservation workshop at the Chester County Historical Society Monday, Sept. 25, to hear noted historical architect Dale Frens explain about using guidelines to encourage local historic preservation.
4. Next Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 7:00 PM, military historian and author Michael Harris will speak at the township building about the Continental Army's time in Chester County during Revolutionary War year 1777

Nov. 8, 2017

1. During regular meeting time Oct. 17, military historian and author Michael Harris spoke about the Continental Army's time in Chester County during Revolutionary War year 1777. At least thirty-five attendees enjoyed his presentation.

2. State Historic Workshop, CCHS, September 25, 2017

Maureen noted that historical architect and Charlestown Township HARB member Dale Frens explained how a township's HC can develop and use guidelines to encourage local historic preservation. Information will be given to Marty for the Archives.

3. Info about Endangered Historic Resources

From Township Solicitor Oeste: Mr. Montgomery, the owner of the barn at 3463 Conestoga Road (HRMap #275), has put up a perimeter fence around this dangerous property. Although the Chester County Court judge who reviewed this case

(unfortunately) ordered the barn removed by April 30, the owner has yet to comply. Solicitor Oeste had been in contact with the Court about the still ongoing situation, which could lead to the Township placing a lien. One hope is that at least the barn's stone would remain local, ideally used in restoration projects. At the September 13 BOS meeting, Oeste volunteered this same information.

No update on Hause's Store (HRMap #29) was discussed, although research, etc. is ongoing.

4. PennDOT 106 Consulting Party Meeting

The minutes from the June 12, PennDOT hosted section 106 consulting party meeting, concerning the Mansion Road bridge, Brower's Bridge(key#000086), were again discussed.

In response to Warwick Township BoS's request, another Section 106 meeting was slated to be scheduled by PennDOT. This has not happened. Karen Marshall wishes to meet with EN and Warwick Townships' Historical Commissions and is making plans to do so in December.

5. ENT Historic House Plaques

This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. Additional items

Ann Bedrick presented the "note of service commendation" card as a work-in-progress for everyone present to sign. The finished product will be given to Jim Jenkins at the upcoming lunch celebrating his 18 years of service to the township.

7. West Caln Historical Society Play

The members and volunteers adjourned to attend a reading of the play "Jenny" (Ben Franklin's sister), as described in the posted CCHPN Events Calendar:

Who: West Caln Historical Society featuring Gene Delaplane, Narrator

When: November 21, 2017

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: Free

Where: West Caln Township Municipal Building (721 W. Kings Hwy., Wagontown)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary

Please note: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year to All!

