

Historical Commission Minutes

February 20, 2018

The February 20, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

The Commissioners present are in bold: Evie Baird, Ann Bedrick, Diana Cormack, Mark Dzuban, Kristine Gordon-Watson, Maureen Noonan, Gary Wills. (Gary was very sick and came briefly to approve the minutes.)

Guests present: Alison Mallamo, JoAnn Domanski, Carlena Robison, Tori Lingg

1. Minutes

The January 18, 2018 minutes were approved.

2. HC Committee Report, BoS meeting February 14, 2018

Maureen presented HC info during "Committee Reports" time. HC relevant items from this meeting are also included.

The HC met Thursday January 18. Approved minutes of this meeting will be posted on the HC page on the Township's website. The Municipal Historical Preservation Leadership Luncheon January 20, 2018 was noted.

Items from BoS meeting: Several historic properties, the barn(HRMap#001) at the French Creek Golf Course, (HRMap#067) and (HRMap#073) were listed on the building inspector's report. There was a hearing on Lyons Run Road.

3. The Municipal Historical Preservation Leadership Luncheon, January 20

Maureen attended; she passed to everyone the Historic Commission Ordinance – Checklist of Items from the luncheon.

4. 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 February BoS meeting, Oeste volunteered that he and Montgomery had discussed township removal of the barn in exchange for a lien on the property. Montgomery wanted to know what dollar figures would be involved.

No update on (HRMap #029) or the 18th century center hall stone house on Millard Rd. (HRMap#019) that Tori Lingg reported as "neglected" at the January BOS Meeting. A supervisor reminded all that ENT does not have "demolition by neglect" in the ordinance.

5. Browsers Bridge PennDOT Project Update

No update on the minutes from the June 12, PennDOT-hosted Section 106 consulting party meeting, concerning the Nationally Registered, stone-with-brick-lined-arch 1904 Brower's Bridge (HRMap#179) (key#000086) on Mansion Rd.

6. Correspondence

An email from Karen Marshall, Chester County Heritage Preservation Coordinator, came about the Saturday, March 10 workshop, "Refining Our Local Commitment to Historic Preservation." Maureen and Kristine will register by March 2 and attend.

Also Karen sent and Maureen forwarded to HC and others the February Newsletter from PA SHPO.

After seeing the 2017 edition at the January CCHPN Leadership Luncheon, Maureen sent corrections for the ENT HC listing for the next edition of the CCATO's directory to Trish Fagan, CCATO Secretary. (Other updates for ENT listing are needed!)

The following info was sent Jan. 24, 2018 by Alaina McNaughton, National History Day Co-ordinator at Chester County Historical Society: National History Day (NHD) is a year-long academic program focused on historical research, interpretation, and creative expression for 6th through 12th grade students.

We at CCHS invite you to join us as a judge or contest volunteer on either/both Friday, April 6th and Saturday, April 7th 2018 when students from across Chester and Delaware Counties gather at the Chester County Historical Society for the 29th annual National History Day

regional competition. As a judge, you have the important job of giving students positive and constructive feedback to help them grow as scholars, researchers, and critical thinkers. As a contest volunteer, you will support the contest logistics, ensuring a smooth day for the students, teachers, parents, and members of CCHS staff.

In order to be a judge you must be willing to attend a morning training at CCHS on Saturday, March 3, 2018 from 9:30-12:00. If you are interested in serving as a contest volunteer, you do not need to attend Judge Training.

Click this link to be forwarded to our online Judge and Volunteer Registration Form.

For further info, call Ms. McNaughton at CCHS: 610-692-4800 X202.

7. ENT Historic House Plaques

Carlena and Ann will compare the research they have compiled on HRMap#101 to determine a date.

8. Cupola Furnace District

Pennsylvania Historic Registry Status was sought for The Cupola Furnace and Mill District by Estelle Cremers and others in 1981, but the application was deemed incomplete at the time. After recently seeking and receiving guidance from April Frantz of the PA State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO), Maureen, JoAnn, and Ann are restarting the application process. Perhaps with some help is possible from the Warwick HC, for some of this process for this 172 acre district, which is located in both townships. Linda Walters will bring the Cupola district up at the Warwick Historical Commission meeting. JoAnn brought a 1944 picture of her house, which is in this district. From an early look, the district now seems to be comprised of six historic houses, five "sympathetic intrusions" and one 'historic intrusion,' the 1889 Iron Bridge at Warwick Furnace Rd..

9. Guest Speaker in April

Seth Hinshaw, local Senior Historian with RGA, Inc., has agreed to speak at the Tuesday, April 17, HC meeting; his topic will be Northern Chester County barns. Maureen emailed paperwork to the Township Office and sent info to New Sweetwater Reporter publisher Alison to include in next issue.

10. Additional Items

Copies of CCHPN's publication, the February Chester County Ledger, were found on the meeting table and distributed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary

Please note: Our next meeting will be 7:00 PM, Tuesday March 20, 2018.