

Historical Commission Minutes

July 17, 2018

The July 17, 2018 meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM.

The Commissioners present are in **bold**: Evie Baird, **Ann Bedrick**, **Diana Cormack**, Mark Dzuban, **Kristine Gordon-Watson**, **Maureen Noonan**, **Gary Wills**.
Guests present: JoAnn Domanski, Tori Lingg, Marty Raser, Alison Mallamo

1. Minutes

The May 15, 2018 minutes and June 19, 2018 minutes were both approved.

2. HC Committee Report, BoS meeting July 11, 2018

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

The HC gave an archeology update and described the CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Ceremony June 20 at Nottingham County Park.

Chester County Historical Society sent a letter of acknowledgement of East Nantmeal's \$250 contribution, approved Dec. 2015, toward their permanent exhibit project, which begins this fall.

Items from BoS meeting: Owner Montgomery is unable to remove the contents of his barn at 3463 Conestoga Rd. (HRMap#275) since the roof has now collapsed. Last month contractor John High was unable to give an estimate on removing the structure of the barn to the building inspector because the contents prevented a safe and accurate appraisal.

The Ordinance Review Committee is reconvening. Everyone has been asked to participate.

Following the meeting, Ed Loomis mentioned that he has historical artifacts for the display case.

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, 2017, 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. The owner is supposed to comply by July 31, 2018.

4. The CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Ceremony June 20

Maureen and JoAnn attended the CCHPN Volunteer Recognition Ceremony June 20 at Nottingham County Park, way south in the Serpentine Barrens and near Herr's. Interesting to hear of the past year's different historical happenings throughout

the County. Once again, Ann Bedrick's delightful sketches of local historic buildings graced the evening's program. During Roll Call we shared the HC's coordination of the Town Tour Iron Country three-part lecture with self-driving map, produced by Ann Bedrick, at Warwick Park last August and our April local barn presentation, with future plans to organize into binder-form at least, the 90+ barn photos taken and displayed by Ann Bedrick that night.

5. Correspondence

The township office received an inquiry for a list of the township books that the History Society has for sale. This request has been sent to Alison Mallamo.

The township office forwarded to the HC a contact from Morgan Green from Oklahoma, requesting information on his possible ENT ancestor Joseph Clingenpeel. Ann Bedrick has looked into this matter and has spent time at the archives photocopying early tax records of Joseph Clingenpeel shoemaker and will inform Mr. Green.

Dan Graham has graciously sent copies of his new book *Samuel Nutt and the French Creek Iron-Works* and has thanked Ann, Kristine, Alison, Maureen, and Peggy for their assistance, acknowledged in his foreword. Alison will work on possibly adding this book to the list.

6. ENT Historic House Plaques

Carlena and Ann are still working on the research they have compiled on HRMap#101 to determine a date. Seth Hinshaw will offer information from the compiling of Nantmeal Village's Historical Resource Application, and Andy Gustines has been invited to decide a date from architectural components.

7. Cupola Furnace District

JoAnn, Maureen and Ann are working on how to start updating the work on the Pennsylvania Historic Registry Status that was sought for The Cupola Furnace and Mill District by Estelle Cremers and others in 1981. From an early look, the district now seems to be comprised of six historic houses, five "sympathetic intrusions" and one "historic intrusion," and additionally the 1889 iron bridge at Warwick Furnace Rd. Maureen has sent historian Seth Hinshaw an email requesting his guidance as to if and how we should proceed wisely with this project.

8. PennDOT's archeology study

PennDOT has done an archeology study, as is required in connection with the widening of the Turnpike through ENT, involving (HRMap#s 016 and 020). According to Bill Parke of the State Historical office this is reference # Millard Woodstead Homestead (West Nantmeal). The Historical Commission was not contacted by PennDOT nor was given the opportunity to acquire the artifacts. Apparently PennDOT is not required to inform either the township or the county. Maureen will look into

information about our obtaining a copy of the report and possibly seeing the three boxes of artifacts from the dig stored at the State Museum in Harrisburg.

9. Additional Items

Marty Raser read a few entries from her curious vintage book *Chester County Place Names* by Edward Minkowski. One item involved the origin of the name of a location called Hell's Hinges; another the actual whereabouts of Abner Hill.

The Historical Commission gratefully received the following books for our shelves:
JoAnn Domanski donated *Indian Paths* by Paul A. W. Wallace.

Pat Kaiser donated *Brandywine Creek A Pictorial History* William C. Baldwin, Editor.
Thank you!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

The next meeting is August 21, 2018, 7:00 PM.

Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary
Maureen Noonan, Chairperson