

Historical Commission Minutes October 16, 2019

The Wednesday, October 16, 2019 meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM.

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

1. Minutes

The September 17, 2019 minutes were approved as amended.

2. HC Committee Report, BoS Meeting October 9, 2019

Maureen gave the following HC report: The Historical Commission had a meeting September 17, 2019; the minutes will be posted when approved. As suggested by our Ordinance Review Committee, we are working with the County to update the Historic Resources Map and Survey for Article XVI, Historical Resource Protections Standards of our zoning ordinance. Browsers Bridge is scheduled for minimum maintenance repairs as part of Group O by PennDOT. J.D. Eckman has been awarded the Group O contract. PennDOT repaired the roadbed on Mansion Rd. September 17.

Items from BoS meeting

Solicitor Oeste wrote to Michael Montgomery September 10 regarding his Conestoga Rd./Rt. 401 property and the Township's Notice of Demolition, issued August 29, 2018. Montgomery responded saying that he will start cleaning up the week of Oct. 15, 2019, will get other demolition estimates, and will contact realtors.

There were no Historic Resources listed on the Zoning Report.

Supervisor Wren gave a brief report of the Oct. 1 Ordinance Review Committee(ORC) meeting: the group has now reviewed 90% of the Zoning Code, including some of the complex Timbering Ordinance issues. ORC will reconvene on Monday, November 18, 2019 at 7:00 PM.

3. Info about Historic Resources

Mr. Montgomery, the owner of the barn at 3463 Conestoga Road (HRMap #275), has yet to comply with the Notice of Demolition, issued August 29, 2018. As reviewed above, Mr. Montgomery has been in contact with Solicitor Oeste, saying that he will start cleaning up the week of Oct. 15, 2019, will get other demolition estimates and will contact realtors.

At the September BoS meeting, Maureen asked the building inspector specifics of the addition permit requested for HRMap #147, 3456 Conestoga Rd. He said a second story addition to the current 1950 portion (east house side) was planned first; the new owners now intend to replace the first story 1950 addition as well.

The Hause Store (HRMap#029) has been nominated (October 14 deadline) to the new "at risk" Preservation Pennsylvania Program. As described by Preservation PA: "Pennsylvania At Risk listing is a tool to help save special places across the

Commonwealth. New this year is the option to have your nomination reviewed by the State Historic Preservation Office for a determination of eligibility for the National Register."

An Historic Resource on Hedge Rd. has sold.

4. Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) Meeting, October 1, 2019

HC members Kristine and Maureen were the only in attendance, besides ORC members Ed Bacon, Dave Maugle, Tyler Wren and Wayne Grafton, Land Planner. The ORC finalized the Accessory Use Dwellings (ADU) section. An ADU is limited to 1200 square feet and has a three year special permit. The review of the Timber Ordinance is finished. The board discussed The Zoning Hearing Board, Historic Trees and signs. Sections XX, XXI, and XXII, as well as the map, are scheduled for the November session. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

5. Historic Resources Map/Survey

A discussion on updating the Historic Resources Map which "identifies the Historic Resources of East Nantmeal Township" (from Article XVI of ENT Ordinance) was held. Karen Marshall let us know about County's Vision Partnership Program (VPP), which could help to fund such a Township project.

Updating the Historic Resources Map, which "identifies the Historic Resources of East Nantmeal Township" (from Article XVI of ENT Ordinance) has become a priority since suggestions were made at the August 6 ORC meeting that the Historical Commission should seek to verify and authenticate our Historical Resources list and map. (Diana Cormack remembered Jane Davison's telling all involved updating the HR list (in 2006), that a Historical Resource Expert was needed to authenticate our list and a grant was applied for from the State.)

With the help of the Board of Supervisors, as required, the Commission will again apply for a grant, this time through the County's 2020 VPP.

6. Correspondence

Maureen corresponded by emails with Karen Marshall about the Vision Partnership Program and Browsers Bridge.

Historic researcher Bob Wise emailed back about working with ENT toward an updated Historic Resources Survey/Map in the future.

Maureen emailed Linda Walters, Warwick Township Historical Commission, the news about Browsers Bridge. (See #2 above.)

Maureen emailed Kathy Brumfield and Ed Bacon the next HC meeting date correction: Wed., October 16.

Maureen emailed the Commission and volunteers the October SHPO newsletter. To support the Chester County Historical Society's preservation of Horticultural Hall through the National Preservation Trust's contest, Karen emailed this reminder for historic organizations' members to spread:

Hi Everyone,

Hope you are voting daily through Oct. 29 for the Chester County Historical Society to win the \$200K grant from Partners for Preservation.

Ed Bacon has posted the June, July, and August meeting minutes on the Township's website, on the HC page.

7. ENT Historic House Plaques

Alison announced that the fall *Sweetwater Reporter*, due by end of October, will have an advertisement for plaques. She has a NV Historic District plaque with c. 1740 date in search of a home.

8. Historical Commission Page on Township Website

Alison submitted the History Society description to add to website.

9. New ENT Resident “Welcome Packet”

In consideration for such packets are maps of the Township and Nantmeal Village, information related to an Historic Resource property, such as the Chester County Historical Inventory Form from the 1979 survey from our archives, a copy of *Finding History in East Nantmeal*, and the CCHPN *Directory of Trades and Services for Historic Architecture*. Reproductions of the 1883 Map are for sale on the internet. New owners include HR properties on the following roads: Fairview Rd. in Nantmeal Village, Potts School Rd., Templin Rd., Warwick Furnace Rd. and Prizer Road.

10. History Society

Alison confirmed that the annual dues for HS membership are ten dollars. Any ideas for a small memento presented upon membership are welcome.

We need a price to reprint *History of East Nantmeal Township*, to include an addendum with updates to the original edition.

11. C. Loomis Donation

Maureen will be scheduling a follow-up meeting (not on a Monday or Tuesday!) with the donor of an inventory notebook, Chuck Loomis.

12. Additional Items

Beth Engle donated to the Historical Commission Library: *From the American System to Mass Production 1800-1932* by David A. Hounsell.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7:00 PM.

Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary

Maureen Noonan, Chairperson