

## Historical Commission Minutes November 17, 2021

This meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

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

### 1. Minutes

The October 21, 2021 minutes were approved, with minor corrections.

### 2. HC report and info from Board of Supervisors Meeting November 10, 2021

**HC Report:** The Historical Commission reported that the Commission met on October 21, 2021. The minutes, when approved, will be posted. Work on the Historic Resources Survey Project is progressing.

**BoS items:** The BoS approved for payment the second bill submitted by RGA.

Natural Lands Trust has finished their review of the development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail, located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, which the developer presented to the BoS in September and October. The Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) will address in a meeting December 13. Bud Locilento of the ZHB was in attendance and asked the position the BoS took regarding the many waiver requests. The BoS voted to send Solicitor Tom Oeste to the ZHB meeting to oppose all waiver requests.

The next ORC meeting is December 7, 2021, at the Township Building.

### 3. Ordinance Review Committee (ORC) November 9, 2021

Review and updating of the Comprehensive Plan continues, with Kristine and Maureen in attendance. However this night only two ORC members attended, Wayne Grafton and Ed Bacon, and the discussion shifted from the Comprehensive Plan back to the Zoning Ordinance, specifically horse-related zoning items. (Kristine and Maureen attended.)

### 4. Township Budget Meeting October 27, 2021

Alison and Kristine attended this 7 AM meeting and were pleased to report that supervisors Ed Loomis and David Frame, immediately after the meeting opened, approved the bill to be paid to RGA in 2022 for the additional HR Survey forms and the related items needed to complete the HR Survey Project. The Historical Commission's customary budget of \$1000 was added to this sum; the total was then rounded up to \$5000 by the present supervisors.

Alison and Kristine reported about over-weight-limits trash trucks crossing the Iron Bridge (County Bridge #199) and the Nantmeal Village Bridge. Ed and Dave had Secretary Susan Rutherford call the State Police.

### 5. ENT Historic Resources Survey Project Update

Members continue reviewing for accuracy the approximately 300 survey forms that RGA consultants have presented to the Commission via the online Dropbox format. Bob

asked when we will be ready for them (RGA ) to "finalize" the survey forms before the next step, mapping; we will try to determine an approximate date as the review and corrections continue. Dropbox has difficulties to which many present attested. Maureen will talk with RGA.

The County approved the adjustment of the VPP contract, freeing funds from the Mapping category, since the County will do this task gratis, and thus adding to the Survey Forms category in the contract.

## **6. Info about Historic Resources**

Alison reported that ruins have been uncovered from vines on a property in the Mcleods Pond neighborhood. Property owner Jeff Patterson said a stream runs through the bottom of the (springhouse?) ruins.

HR#070, 3855 Conestoga Road, has sold. Ann Bedrick showed copies of photos of a painting of HR#070, called Crown Ridge Farm, containing original structural information. The development plan for the approx. 20 acres property on Horseshoe Trail, which is located in the Nantmeal Village Historic National Register District, continues to work through the Township's Planning and Zoning steps and meetings.

Diana reported that the OZ Group, owner of The Haise Store (HR#029) and the Haise House (HR#030), is surveying the lot lines of their 7 acre parcel to try to obtain three separate lots. A drone survey reported that more detailed survey information is needed to make sure all requirements are met .

There is no update of archeological research by PennDOT on Betsy Morgan's HR#20 by the Turnpike.

There is no new information about the status of easements/conservation concerning two large historic resources properties.

## **7. Correspondence**

- 1) Emails between RGA and Maureen
- 2) Emails between East Nantmeal Township, Maureen and RGA
- 3) Email to the township regarding \$100 annual CCHPN membership dues.
- 4) Email came in from Dolly Rosen, searching for historical information about her Warwick Furnace Farm's connection with Pottsgrove Mansion, since WFF's lavender products are offered in the historic site's gift shop. Maureen replied with info found in Potts Family Expert Dan Graham's book, *John Potts and Ruth Savage...*, among other sources.
- 5) Email for CCHPN programs
- 6) Email for CCHS programs

## **8. HC's Page on Township Website**

Maureen will send Ed Bacon the approved October minutes to post.

## **9. History Society**

A brief mention was made about the future of the books we now have. Alison contacted the answering machine of Chester County Historical Society about the selling of East Nantmeal history-related books, and so far has not had a return call. Tri-County Heritage Society, Morgantown, as well as a bookseller in Kutztown will be called this

month. Jean Thomas ordered a plaque for The Buckwalter House, HR#123. With metal prices rising, the plaque costs have risen. Alison proposed putting a flyer for plaques in the mailing of Survey Forms to the owners of those historic properties.

#### **10. Additional Items**

Perhaps we could consult Mark Dzuban about scanning his collection of early maps and posting them on the website under "Dzuban Maps."

The possibility of starting ENT Historic Preservation Trust, along the lines of ENT's Land Trust, was mentioned. East Pikeland has a preservation trust which allows them to apply for PA Grant funding.

Ideas exchanged about historical pictorial calendars and finding artifacts (the cannon in French Creek near Warwick Furnace).

Diana said Carol Petrow will present to The EAC the process involved in stream naming.

Ann will contact the Commissioners of Nantmeal, Wales for their definition of "Nantmeal."

Reminder: Info about and registration for CCHPN events is posted on CCHPN website, [cchpn.org](http://cchpn.org), under "Events."

December events are scheduled for Pottsgrove Manor, The Great Marsh, and Christmas in Odessa, Delaware.

**The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.**

**The next HC meeting will be Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM.**

**Kristine Gordon-Watson, Secretary**

**Maureen Noonan, Chair**