



East Fallowfield Historical Commission

Approved Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2014

I. Call to Order

- Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

II. Meeting attendance

- Joe McCormick, Garth Monaghan, Sue Monaghan, Buddy Rhoades, and Lee Schlingmann present, Arthur DeLeo and Fred Bissiniger absent. Quorum met.

III. Review of minutes of prior meeting

- Unanimous vote to adopt minutes of May 7, 2014 meeting as “approved”.

IV. Discussion – Open Issues

- **Mortonville Bridge** –potential for additional work to change the façade of interior side of concrete “jersey barrier” walls to be more in keeping with original appearance.
 - i. No additional update
 - **Frog Hollow Bridge (Speakman’s No. 1 Covered Bridge)** – construction scheduled to commence later this year.
 - i. PennDOT has conducted surveys to evaluate existing structural elements to catalog for use in the reconstruction and renovation.
 - ii. It was noted that there had been a change to the architectural design of the project subsequent to the Section 106 Public Meeting. At the meeting, it had been suggested that the siding of the bridge would be constructed of a shiplap type wood siding. Based on research of old photographs, it was determined that the original siding was most probably a board-and-batten siding, and this shall be replicated in the new work.
 - iii. Physical work on the bridge has not commenced as of this date.
 - **Historic Resource Map and Windshield Survey** – modifications to the Windshield Survey are needed.
 - i. Joe McCormick recalled that Lee Schlingmann had compiled a list of property transactions last year which may have included historic resource properties which could be used to update Windshield Survey data. Asked Lee to see if she could recover that list.
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- ii. Joe McCormick has contacted the Township Secretary, Lisa Valaitis to see if she can locate the Windshield Survey disc; to date, she has not located the disc.
 - iii. It was noted that there have been a number of changes in ownership and information since the list was originally compiled
- **Website Additions** – HC plans to enhance the Township website appeal by adding photos and other information pertaining to the Township’s historic resources. Lee Schlingmann has digitized and enhanced photos provided by Buddy Rhoades for posting to Township website.
 - i. Lee Schlingmann has digitized and enhanced photos provided by Buddy Rhoades for posting to Township website. Buddy acknowledged that his original photos have been returned to him
 - ii. It was noted that there are a number of photos in the HC filing cabinet which may also be of public interest and could be on the website
 - iii. The HC has been advised to propose the website modifications to the Board of Supervisors for approval
 - iv. There may be budgetary constraints with paying for web service. Buddy stated he would try to review the agreement the Township has with the webmaster.
- **720 Buck Run Road Renovations** – planned repairs and renovations to the existing barn structure.
 - i. Joe McCormick stated that e-mail messages had been exchanged with the property representative. A date and time would be selected to afford Commission members an opportunity to view the structure prior to renovations. A firm date had not been established for a site visit.
 - ii. Members who wanted to “drop in” and visit the structure were encouraged to do so.
- **19 Rokeby Road** – concerns about the deterioration of the property which is presently vacant.
 - i. Subsequent to the HC memo, the property has been inspected and Rob McLarnon has advised that the property has been properly secured
 - ii. Lee Schlingmann advised that the property has been cleaned up a bit, and additional work is underway. The property has been listed for sale.

V. Discussion - New Business

- **Chester County Historical Society** – annual membership renewal is overdue. The HC had approved renewal earlier in the year; apparently the membership was not renewed. Joe McCormick will advise Rosemary that the membership should be paid as soon as possible. Contributor level membership is \$125.

- **Chester County Historical Society** – Letter received from the Society requesting as contribution. The HC voted that no contribution was to be made at this time.

VI. Adjourn Meeting – meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joe McCormick, Historical Commission Chairman