



Springfield Township Historical Commission

DECEMBER 1, 2020

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-8

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MEETING ATTENDEES

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Scott Kreilick	Commission Chair	Joseph Devine	Commission Member
Matthew Harris	Commission Vice Chair	Heather Snyder-Killinger	Commission Member
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Baird Standish	Commissioner Liaison
David Sands	Commission Member	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison

Not on the call: Brandon Ford (Assistant to Township Manager)

Guests: Dan McGlinchey, Oreland, PA
Christine Smith, Wyndmoor, PA
Chris Weth, Oreland,

- 1) Call by Order by the Chairperson-**Called to order at 6:05 PM by the Chair with roll taken
- 2) Approval of Minutes** from previous meeting (November 10, 2020) were approved on motion by Mr. Harris, second by Mr. Comly. Mr. Sands abstained since he had not participated in the November 10 meeting call.
- 3) Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison** Commissioner Standish presented his comments in the course of the discussion. A brief discussion was held

regarding the base document that is proposed for use for the initial phase of the implementation of the Commission's work. Comprehensive Plan: Vision for 2025 Chapter 6 (2014) provides the initial listing of properties being considered

Additionally, some clarifications of properties on the list were mentioned—Van Rensselaer property and 1779 Willow Grove Ave. Black Horse Inn already has deed restrictions in place and may already be protected.

In the end, the list must be advertised and presented to the Commissioners before it can be final. The stage we are beginning is to get “opt-in” from property owners to put them on the list.

- 4) Review of Agenda** No changes to the agenda
- 5) Discussion Items and Appropriate Action (“Previous Business” and “New Business” in earlier minutes).**

HC-8.1 A discussion was held as to how best to move forward. It was agreed the best approach would be to prepare the presentation to do a “dry run” for review and comment prior to “going live”. This will be done at the January 5 meeting. This will also allow time to review the invitation to be sent from the Township to the property owners on the initial list.

HC-7.4 The Board drafted a preliminary schedule moving forward:

- (i) December 1 meeting finalize groupings of property owners to invite to discuss their properties and develop outline of meeting agenda/ content. Each meeting would be approximately 12-13 owners. Some overview, similar to that given to the Board of Commissioners was thought to be appropriate. For meetings—each property will have base line data (construction date, ownership), and a photograph or photographs.
- (ii) January 5 meeting First group of property owners.
- (iii) February 2 meeting Second group of property owners

2020-12.01 Update The schedule will be revised to allow for a review of the presentation and a run-through before meeting with the property owners. First group of property owners will now be invited to the February 2, meeting with the balance on March 2, 2021

HC-6.1 Several other issues were raised as comments regarding other Township sites:

- 8501 Flourtown Ave—Mr. Kreilick noted this property is “on the market” adding the Historical Society had assembled some background information on this site and its history. Mr. Penacale noted the property will have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for any type of subdivision due the lack of street frontage on adjacent Elliston Drive.
- Lodges Lane property in Oreland—Regarding Montco list of Potential Historic Sites: Proper site identification of site is 911 Valley Lane

- Several other sites appear in need of updating of ownership/ site addresses and similar information

2020-11.10—Update No additional discussion

6) Citizen Comments

Each of the citizen guests were asked for comments. Each expressed an interest in the Committee's work and were interested in how the work would enhance the preservation of the Township's historic properties

7) Assignment of Member Action Items

Committee: develop the format for the presentation to property owners

Mr. Penacale: Draft invitation form, confirm names and addresses, gather photos of each property to be discussed

8) Agenda for next meeting *All new agenda items shall be forwarded to Mr. Penacale at least one week prior to scheduled meeting date*

Continuation of discussion regarding how to “roll-out” this program to the public.

9) Adjournment Motion by Mr. Comly, seconded by Mr. Sands passed. Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Albert M. Comly, Jr., AIA