

East Brandywine Township Historical Commission

Township Building

September 12, 2007

7:30PM

In Attendance:

James Buczala

Carl Josephsen

Katherine Prammer

James Tobin

John Black

Charles Giordano

Warren Popjoy

Karen Marshall

Bob Wise

The Guthriesville Store was discussed in reference to the economic feasibility of using the existing building. It was determined to not be viable since the rear of the building is not structurally sound. Wawa is not willing to compromise the engineering of their plan.

Karen Marshall, County Heritage Coordinator, stated we need to find out what the legal ramifications are when a major historic building is destroyed. Will it impact our nomination for a Historic District? She stated that Jane Davidson felt counsel should have been consulted.

Karen asked if we had copies of documents that are referred to in the letter dated September 5, 2007, from the Army Corp of Engineers requesting "consulting parties". John Black will request copies of these documents. At the end of the "consulting party" period all the parties could still disagree and the building could still be demolished. A letter stating the result would be placed in a file in Washington, D.C. The Historic Commission needs to identify what it wants out of the process at the consulting parties meeting. John Black stated he would like to see a two-lane bypass rerouting traffic around the district on Bondsville Road.

Karen also stated that the Historic Commission/Township should ask Pulte for remediation for demolishing the historic barns at the Applecross construction site. If there is a fine against Pulte we could have it earmarked for historic preservation projects or studies in the township.

Bob Wise and John Black asked if the Mama Lena's property was ever marketed as a development project. They think selling/marketing should be tried before the building is demolished.

Karen Marshall stated that the Army Corp of Engineers has the final approval on the projected demolition.