

## **Minutes of the East Brandywine Historical Commission meeting on January 12, 2005**

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Chuck Giordano, John Black, Carl Josephson, John Kessler and Katherine Prammer from the Commission attended. Pat and Gretchen Szustak attended; they were put 1<sup>st</sup> on the agenda.

### **1. Szustak issues**

According to Mr. Szustak, prior agreements with the Township require the Historical Commission to approve the business sign to be placed in front of their architectural business at 918 Horseshoe Pike. The Commission was assured that the size of the sign was approved. The Commission unanimously approved the sign (that will contain a telephone number not present on the presented rendering) noting the appropriateness of naming the earliest known resident and possible builder of the structure. John K. took an action to communicate our approval to Scott Piersol, the Township's Zoning Officer.

A discussion of a tour of the renovated structure occurred. The Szustak's agreed to open the tour to all residents of the Township. They would provide 'before and after pictures'. Someone will provide refreshments. The tour will be on a Saturday from about 10 am to 3 pm. To allow more time for finishing the interior and to avoid snow, late March or April is the target timeframe. John K. took an action to get an announcement in the Township's "Milemarker" newsletter.

[A side discussion on the building plans for Brandywine-Wallace school ensued. Nearly everyone seemed confused and/or unhappy with the current directions. Apparently, there is a final meeting on the subject about March 4<sup>th</sup> – the precise date should be on the Downingtown School District web site.]

### **2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting in November were approved.

### **3. Review of action items**

This was deferred as minutes of the October, 2004 meeting were not available.

### **4. Status of developments**

There was no known new status on active developments including Historic Resources.

There is the possibility that the Dilworth property west of Dilworth Road might be developed. This may include an old barn that is not listed separately as a Historic Resource but is probably a contributing structure to one of the nearby Historic Resources.

## **5. Survey Card Status**

Searching court records and wills was not covered by the class Katherine provided. She will provide a supplementary ½ day class on this in the future.

## **6. Nomination for chair of EBHC**

It was approved that John K. would continue as chair.

## **7. New members**

It was proposed that a notice in the “Milemarker” requesting applications was appropriate especially considering the Township’s web site isn’t being updated. Applicants would be asked to forward interest and resume to John Kessler in care of the Township. John K. took an action item to make this happen.

## **8. New business**

John K. noted that the Commission has been asked to participate in the Township’s Comprehensive Planning activity. John K. will represent us providing status and considerations for the entire Commission as required.

John K. said the Board of Supervisors apparently reacted to our request for continuing the effort to make Guthriesville a ‘full-fledged’ Historic District by having Scott Piersol ask Bob Wise for a proposal. Bob Wise has responded and John K. intends to discuss the proposal with him later this week.

In response to our request for stronger demolition criteria, John K. was invited to attend an Ordinance Task Force meeting. The consensus at the meeting was in favor of the Commission’s proposal though several said caution should be exercised. John K. is to meet with David Sweet and Bob Wise on the subject soon.

Updating the Township’s web site is still not resolved.

It was agreed that the Historical Commission’s meetings are public and should be so listed in the “Milemarker”. John K. took the appropriate action.

The CD for the Township’s zoning ordinances is missing; John K. took an action to get another copy.

John K. took an action to have the Township renew its membership in the Chester County Historic Preservation Network.

## **9. Next agenda**

The tentative agenda for the next meeting on February 9, 2005 is:

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
2. Review of action items
3. Status of developments
4. New members
5. New business
6. Next agenda