

Minutes of the East Brandywine Historical Commission meeting on March 9, 2005

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John Black, Chuck Giordano, Carl Josephson and John Kessler from the Commission attended.

1. Discussion of Linton application for demolition permit

John K. had done an inspection of the premises. He reported the damage was extensive probably requiring replacing almost all of the interior floors and ceilings and most of the studs. Based on this, some discussions with Mr. Linton and photographs provided with the application, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the application. John K. took an action to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors indicating the Commission's approval. [Note: This was done.]

2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting in February, 2005 were approved with a change.

3. Review of action items

John K. took an action to get into the next Milemarker the monthly meeting of the EBHC, the tour on May 14th of Mr. Szustak's restored office and apartment at 918 Horseshoe Pike, and the solicitation of new members for the EBHC. [Note: The last two items made it into the draft Milemarker submitted to the Township. Announcing the EBHC monthly meetings causes formatting problems that will be resolved later.]

Katherine requested the charter information and the Zoning CD from Scott Piersol.

John K. requested Mary Beth Smedley to renew our membership in the CCHPN.

It is not known whether Katherine has contacted potential new members of the EBHC.

4. Status of developments

No news.

5. New members

Both Carl and John K. will contact potential new members.

6. New business

No new business.

7. Next agenda

The tentative agenda for the next meeting on April 13, 2005 is:

1. Discussion of new Township Building plans by Mr. P. Szustak.
2. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting
3. Review of action items
4. Status of developments
5. New members
6. New business
7. Next agenda

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Meeting with Bob Wise and David Sweet on January 21, 2005

Primary purpose was to discuss demolition criteria as a follow-up to Ordinance Task Force meeting on January 4th.

It was noted that East Goshen had limitations when the ‘demolition’ exceeded 50% of structure. Also, the Township has binders from the Brandywine Conservancy on this issue in section 7.

It was decided that John K. would continue commenting on the North Conventry zoning and forward comments and questions to David Sweet over the next month or so. John K. would then outline a new EB ordinance for comment. Then it would be decided whether Bob Wise and/or David Sweet should get further involved.

Participation of the EBHC in the new comprehensive plan was discussed. John K. affirmed the EBHC’s intention to participate. David S. said he would send John K. examples of historic sections of comprehensive plans. David S. said that the plan would require completion of the new Historic Resources Inventory within a year; John K. thought this wouldn’t be a problem.

Briefly discussed Bob W.’s plan for certification of Gurthriesville as a Historic District. Plan is just over \$7000. This includes National Registry. To just certify as an Act 167 state Historic District would be very easy and might not require a public meeting though this would be politically preferred. 167 certification would give Gurthriesville all the protection we want but wouldn’t give the homeowners to same benefits including access to grants, tax write-offs for renovation, prestige (with appreciated values for structures). As part of the application Bob mentioned that the Board of Supervisors would have to submit a draft change to the Zoning Ordinances mentioning Gurthriesville’s status as an Historic District. John mentioned that he would like to include some of the Historic Resources excluded in the 1999 DOE.

Meeting with Board of Supervisors on February 3, 2005

Attended 7:30 am meeting.

Bob Wise went over his proposal indicating that it was for National Historic Registry. Briefly indicated that 167 certification would be easier/cheaper and could be done first.

It was decided to hold a meeting with owners in late spring. Scott Piersol would arrange for notification in the “Milemarker”. This would include all Township residents. Based on this meeting, the Board would decide what course to follow, i.e., 167 certification and/or National Registry.

After meeting, Bob Wise said he would send his presentation to John K. He also indicated that he thought inviting the PHMC was inappropriate though Jane Davidson might be an asset. We discussed having refreshments at the meeting.