

Minutes of the East Brandywine Historical Commission meeting on September 8, 2004

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Bob Blinckmann, Chuck Giordano, Carl Josephson, John Kessler and Russ Robinson from the Commission attended.

1. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes were approved contingently upon John K. resolving the action item concerning distributing the 1796 and 1802 tax records.

2. Review of action items

John K. still has not received a response from Dr. Vilcheck about my e-mail concerning the Survey Card letter.

John K. is to continue to talk to Scott Piersol about having the Township's solicitor concerning the legality of the Township adopting the North Coventry demolition criteria.

John B. did not attend the meeting so it was not determined whether he had talked to Scott Piersol about his suggestion that Wawa incorporate Mama Lena's into their facility (which would require moving it).

[After the meeting, it was determined that Katherine has given the 1796 and 1802 tax records to John B. for copying.].

John K has sent an e-mail concerning the intentions of the Brandywine Conservancy concerning the Hopewell schoolhouse. In summary, the schoolhouse is under a contingent sales agreement but, if it goes through, the Conservancy has the right to approve any building plans; as the Conservancy uses the criterion of preserving vistas (among others), it is unlikely any major change to the schoolhouse would be approved.

Katherine has not yet distributed the list of properties owned by Mr. McCue in Guthriesville.

John K. has not drafted the letter to the Board of Supervisors concerning making Guthriesville an Historic District..

3. Status of developments

The Keats Glenn II development is awaiting the results of chemical tests before proceeding.

The Overbrook Farms development apparently has not obtained approval for its sewage disposal plan.

The Township has given John K. the Decovny plans including their intentions concerning Historic Resources. They plan to preserve the original farmhouse but the status of a secondary house and the very thick walls of an apparent barn are unknown; an initial sense of the meeting was that preserving the barn walls would be desirable. No inspection of the property has been done. John K. took an action to respond to the Decovny plan.

4. Survey Card status

This agenda item was deferred as Katherine was not at the meeting.

5. Chester County Historic Resources Atlas update

John K. reported on a meeting he attended hosted by the CCHPN and chaired by Jane Davidson. The county is intending to update the Historic Resource inventory within 4 years. The inventory is to include more than houses, e.g., bridges, cemeteries, and business sites. There are classes available through November; the some on the Commission will try to attend. John took an action to obtain seats. The intent of the work is to include resources from 1956, 50 years from the end of the new survey, and earlier; current resources are from earlier than about 1930. The methodology includes members of Historical Commissions to locate the resources and then Jane Davidson will survey them confirming their appropriateness. East Brandywine is ahead of the game as it has a sound inventory correlating current Historic Resources with tax parcels.

6. New business

No new business was raised.

7. Next agenda

The tentative agenda for the next meeting on October 13, 2004 is:

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