

East Brandywine Historical Commission Meeting June 12, 2019

Present: John Black, Jim Buczala, Sharon Buczala, Bob Renken, Francis Taraschi and Sean Alvarez

Also Present: Luke Reven, Wade Abnent (Brandywine Conservancy)

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm; Adjourned at 8:30 pm

Minutes of previous month's meeting

Motion made to approve the May 2019 minutes, as amended, by Jim B. and seconded by Bob R. The motion was passed.

110 Buck Road (HR-60)

Wade Abnent, Brandywine Conservancy

- Property owned by Brandywine Conservancy. Roof needs replacement – Looking at an asphalt shingle (color is “Slate”). 20 year warranty. Porch roof has same shingles. They will also be adding a low profile gutter guard.
- Historical Commission suggested CertainTeed “Grand Manor” which has a lifetime warranty and is not that much more in cost.
- Wade Abnent will look into CertainTeed shingles and let us know what the Conservancy will be doing.

Locust Knoll Farm, 1000 Horseshoe Pike (HR-78)

David Thal, Demolition permit. Site visit.

- Zoning Officer has some concerns about the structure.
- Owner (David Thal) is happy to have the Historical Commission come and visit the site Saturday morning at 9 am. Mark M. and Francis T. will not be available until July 20th. Decided that the commission will wait until that time. John B. will make the arrangements.

Dowlin House, 205 Township Road (HR-45)

John Rathfon, (Metropolitan)

- John B. followed up and J. Rathfon indicated he is ready to move forward with the chimney rebuild but is now looking for a mason. Does anyone on the commission have any recommendations? John B. will send some names by the end of the week.
- Final scope of work – Take chimney down to 2nd story, rebuild with block, stone chimney (non-working) above roofline. Other items in scope of work were not discussed.

Weaver Tract, 1234 Horseshoe Pike (HR-170)

Sebastian Ferrer, NVR, Inc.

- S. Ferrer checked with site planner, there was no plan to remove the large trees near the spring house.

- BoS approved conditional use at May 16th meeting with Historical Commission conditions attached.
- Planning Commission has yet to approve the plan.

Croce Marker

- Jim B. will take the lead on moving this forward.
- Main Line Today would like to do an article on Croce.

DCCC Marker for Downingtown Industrial & Agricultural School

- Jim B. met with Ruth Bennett on 5/14. She was reviewing the marker language the Historical Commission had composed and was not satisfied with it. She suggested that she might do her own research and revise the language.
- R. Bennett was surprised to learn that DCCC was to pay for the marker, she thought the Township was paying for it. Stated the college was having financial difficulty.
- Jim B. will follow up with her again in a week or so. May also follow up with Rachael Patton at the Main Campus.

Leanne Smith, 2022 Bondsville Road (HR-89)

Township Historic Preservation Award

Jim Buczala asked to leave property when he went to take photos for *The Ledger*.

Recorded Interviews of Long-time Residents

Donna Sobczynski Aylsworth, 5/24/2019, 11:30am, Township Bldg.

Carol said interview was very good, may be a part 2

Planning Commission Update

No update.

East Brandywine Township Update

No update.

Action Steps:

John B. – Follow up with J. Rathfon to confirm materials, paint colors, and chimney construction for Dowlin House.

Jim B., Francis T, Mark M. – Work with owner of 11 Highspire re: restoration of outhouse.

Jim B. – Continue to work with DCCC re: marker.

Jim B. – Continue to try and setup a site visit to 2022 Bondville Rd. (Township Historic Preservation Award).

Sharon B. & Bob R. – Continue to research HR-55.

Carol S. and Allie P. – Continue interviews with longtime residents.

Sharon B. – continue to work on Archives