

West Brandywine Historic Commission

MEETING MINUTES February 14, 2011

West Brandywine Historical Commission (WBHC) Members:

Roll Call

Cheri Marranzini	X_____	Barry Parsons	X_____
Hugh Redditt	X_____	John Vilcheck, Jr.	X_____
Jeff Grossman	X_____	Stephen Mesure	X_____
Ted Claypoole	X_____		

1. Call Meeting to order 7:33 PM.
2. Vote to accept January 11, 2011 Minutes. No corrections. JV made a motion to accept the minutes, BP seconded, all were in favor, minutes passed.
3. **Public Comment.**
No public comments.
4. **New Agenda Items:**
 - Eck Property – George Harlin from Harlin contractors – demolition permit after fire – brought blueprints for the new plans. The main and oldest portion of the house was not damaged. Need to rebuild the entire garage and the second floor of all adjoining buildings. HR asked if the reconstruction will be made to look like the original 18th century house. JV asked if the blueprints can be emailed to the HC and if HC can take photos of the site. The demolition at this point will be completed by carpenters, removing the damaged materials one board at a time. The property will look very similar to the way it did before the fire.

JG asked about the timetable for rebuilding. George said as soon as possible. HR will inform the township manager that the HC recommends approval of the reconstruction plans for the Eck property.
 - Section 106 Workshop – Our member’s applications have already been sent.
 - Historic Commission future activities discussion
 - Cheri called the Caln township historic commission chairperson to get some information about their activities. There was no return phone call. She will call Steve Brown.
 - Jeff mentioned that Karen Marshall from Chester County does some travelling speeches. May be worthwhile for us to invite her to our township.
 - Hugh mentioned that Coatesville high school students can do historic research as projects for their students. We should reach out to them.
 - John mentioned the ruins on Catania property. Hugh will follow-up with the Coatesville School district superintendent to find out if we can continue with this project.

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- Jeff suggested that we work on the building across the street. Money was donated from Pulte. John mentioned boy scout involvement to clean up the property.
- Cheri suggested that we get more connected to Chester County.

- Monthly Expenses: None

5. Old Business

- Gordon Property – No progress. JG made a motion to ask the status of the springhouse restoration, BP seconded, all were in favor, the motion passed.
- Pulte 55 Project – No progress.
- Hide-Away Farmette (Farm Stead) – The zoning meeting was rescheduled, a date has not yet been determined. We will be advised when the meeting is rescheduled.
- 1699 Horseshoe Pike – Continued conversation after HC review of the historic property report. HR had a question about the timelines for the demolition. Owner said they have until the end of the year. They would like to start demolition in the next month or two to complete it by the end of this year. Owner said he welcomes the HC to visit the property that was just renovated by their group to see their previous work. JV had a question about the rehabilitation. He asked about leaving the hyphen for inspection by the HC. The owner said he can preserve as much stone as possible. BP asked about unused timbers. The owner said they will be reused in other reconstruction projects. Frank Turner, Chester County Site Contractor, General Superintendent, gave all HC members his business card

BP made a motion to accept the proposal and move it on to the PC, JV seconded the motion, all were in favor, the motion passed. HR will inform the Township Manager that the HC recommends approval of the demolition permit.

6. Communications.

- Preservation Pennsylvania newsletter email from Hugh Redditt 1/17/2011.
- Chester County Antiques show flyer from Linda Formica 1/18/2011.
- 1699 Horseshoe Pike Historical Property report from Linda Formica and Hugh Redditt 1/20/2011.
- Chester County Historic Preservation training information on section 106 from Karen Marshall 1/24/2011.
- Gordon Eck property update from Ron Rambo 1/28/2011.
- Newsletter article reminder from Linda Formica 2/2/2011.
- Mary Lapp photos and questions about property 2/4/2011.
- Stamp pad update from Linda Formica 2/8/2011.

7. New Business.

- Springton and 322 property – Vote to re-zone was approved by the board of supervisors. It has been zoned commercial. It appears that this will be affected by section 106. HC

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already made a recommendation to the BOS that historic property considerations need to be made.

- 322 and 82 property – HR will send a note to Dale about the historic nature of this property.
- Reason House – Intersection of Hurley and Baker – Became vacant after the holidays.
- Gudal property – While they're grading the property, need to make sure they don't move the markers that denote township lines. HR will send a reminder to Dale.
- Romano property (322 near the golf zone), house and land are for sale. May be affected by section 106. HR will suggest at the next BOS meeting that some members of the BOS attend the training on section 106.

8. Motions:

- January minutes.
- Status of springhouse restoration on Gordon property.
- Acceptance of demolition proposal for 1699 Horseshoe Pike.
- Meeting adjournment

9. Activities.

- Section 106 workshop

Adjourn Meeting.

BP made a motion to adjourn the meeting, JV seconded, all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Next Meeting date is March 14, 2011 @ 7:30 PM