

WBHC Meeting Minutes September 13, 2010

Present: Cheri Marranzini, Stephen Measure, Hugh Redditt, Jeff Grossman, John Vilcheck, Jr.

Absent: Barry Parsons

Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Motion to accept minutes by John Vilcheck and Jeff Grossman.

All accepted, minutes passed.

Public Comment

None

New Agenda Items

1153 Manor Road, property owner is Barbara Domsohn. Owner is present at the meeting. Builder is Don Martz, not present at the meeting. House is on the Chester County register for historical properties.

Barn was demolished last year and replaced with a three car garage.

Owner wants an addition.

Hugh said what we want to do as an historic commission is to take some overall pictures of the house, side and front and with the owner's permission, go inside to take some photos inside the shed for posterity and the archives. John suggested to the owners that they take pictures of items of interest that are discovered during construction for the archives as well.

Motion made by Cheri and John to send a letter of approval to the Board of Supervisors, the Codes Office Engineer and the Planning Commission. All agreed, motion approved.

Jeff suggested that the owners sell the old wood for re-milling.

Old Business

- A. Gordon Property – Still an ongoing project, no work yet. The phone tower will not be on the Gordon property.
- B. Pulte 55 project – Sewage lines have been finished. Jeff noticed that the gates have been open on a regular basis. Hugh said he will ask Dale about it.
- C. Hide-Away Farmette (Farm Stead) – No reports have been received. We're waiting for the Planning Commission to see if there are any changes to the plan.
- D. Progress of Class 1 property list – County still has it. John said he will follow-up with Karen Marshall from the county.

- E. CCHC membership – We have our membership. It was sent to the township. If we use CCHC resources, we won't have to pay. Show historic commission id.
- F. BOS Meeting Schedule – John will write a report, he will send it to all WBHC members for review and it will be sent to the BOS members for the BOS meeting.

Communications Received

- A. Emails from Linda Formica
- B. Email from Karen Marshall from Chester County
- C. West Caln Historical society meeting, Sept. 21st.
 - 1. World War I aviation
- D. Dale's email for today regarding property at 1153 Manor Road

New Business and Motions

WBHC proposed to the BOS that a consultant (Jane Davidson) be hired to review historic property and a proposed cell tower construction. (see attached note).

John Vilcheck proposed a motion that the WBHC request proposals from qualified consultants to ensure that they will be available for special projects. The consultant information will be kept on file at West Brandywine township. WBHC will request that the Township Manager make a solicitation for RFP's. Cheri seconded. All approved, motion passed.

No expenses this month.

Fundraiser or History night was proposed by Hugh with speakers on historic subjects in the flavor of chester county or west brandywine township. Perhaps ghost stories at Halloween.

John mentioned that Downingtown had their first ghost walk tours last year and will be sometime in October this year.

Hibernia mansion has murder mystery. Hugh asked John to talk to Debbie Pierri to see if she would be interested in telling some ghost stories. Presentations can be at the old school house, or Jeff's house/barn.

Information in the newsletter to ask elderly residents to talk about the township when they were younger. We will ask these residents to attend WBHC meetings to tell their stories to the public and to record it for posterity.

We want to get more historic and less political. We want to share information about the history of the township with township residents. We're more than just looking at codes for making changes to property.

Hugh suggested that we find the historic commission quilt and the bugle from Buffalo Bill. John will ask Joanne Conti if she knows where it is.

Maybe we can add West Brandywine to the chester county historic homes tour for Christmas.

John made a motion that the dumpsters be moved from the front of the old schoolhouse. The appearance of the recycling dumpsters detracts from the appearance of the building and blocks the view of the war memorials. Suggest moving it to the east side of the new municipal building. Cheri seconded. All approved, motion passed.

John made a motion to end the meeting. Stephen seconded. All approved, motion passed.

Meeting concluded at 8:40pm