

**West Whiteland Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting, March 9, 2010**

I. Call to Order

Mary Kivlin, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.
A quorum was noted.

Members in attendance included:

Janice Earley, Kevin Kilgallen, Gail McCahon, Felix Presto, and Victoria Webb

Guest in attendance included:

Township Staff: John Weller, Director of Planning and Zoning

II. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

III. New Business

There was no New Business.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion: Recommended approval of minutes, for
January 12, 2010.

Vote: Passed 6/0, (Earley/Kilgallen).

Consideration of the minutes of February 16, 2010, was tabled to the April meeting. Bobbie Eckman will determine whether minutes are necessary because the meeting did not have a quorum. Mary Kivlin will clarify expectations of minute inclusions. Victoria Webb volunteered to assist.

V. Approval of Treasurer's Reports

Motion: Recommended approval of the Treasurer's Report for
November, 2009.

Vote: Passed 6/0, (Kilgallen/Webb)

Mary Kivlin said the December 2009, Treasurer's Report did not reflect all the payments made for 2009; some payments were made in January, 2010. As a result of discussion, the Treasurer's report for December, 2009, was tabled to the April meeting pending a final budget report.

Mary Kivlin explained that she had attended a Board of Supervisors meeting and had spoken of her concern about the shortage of funds caused by the unanticipated expense of storing the Historic Site files in the new Township building. She said that the Board had indicated appreciation of her concerns and stated that future needs could be accommodated through budget adjustments, which could be requested by submission of a memorandum. Staff would assist with the drafting of such memoranda.

To assist Members in understanding the nature of the expense request, the Members adjourned briefly to the file storage room to view the materials purchased.

Motion: Recommended approval of the Treasurer's Report for January, 2010. A Memorandum requesting a budget adjustment was to be sent to the Board of Supervisors requesting replenishment of funds expended for the Historic Site files.

Vote: 6/0 (Kilgallen/McCahon)

VI. Historical Commission Concerns

A. Township Update

- Mr. Weller advised the Commission that a portion of the roof on a second floor addition on the Ashbridge House, Historic Site 102 (Class I, Eligible), had collapsed. He said he had advised the Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission and the Army Corps of Engineers. He had received a receipt that his Memorandum had been received, but had not been advised of any action. Mr. Weller will follow up with the Army Corp of Engineers.
- Regarding displays of Historic Commission artwork and artifacts, Mr. Weller said he had spoken with Mr. Cotter and had been advised that the Historic Commission should develop a specific plan for displaying the materials to submit for Mr. Cotter's review.
- Mr. Weller explained that Mark Moses, Code Officer, had presented a letter to the principals of Whiteland Village, owner of record for the Lochiel Farm property, Historic Sites, 339 (Class 2), 340 (Class 3) & 341 (Class I, Listed) citing them for specific code violations including demolition by neglect. Penalties for the infractions had been specified.
- Mr. Weller said that as soon as he received the written report from Tom Scofield on his recommendations for the Massey House/Sleepy Hollow Hall, Historic Site 303, he would write a Memorandum to attach to it and send it to owners of the property, the Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust.

- With regard to Historic Site 170, the George Hoffman House, Mr. Weller said no formal notification of storm water management/remediation had been sent to the owner. However, Gail McCahon said she had spoken with the owner, Lynda Williams, and was assured that Mrs. Williams was aware of work that had started and was pleased. Mr. Weller agreed to send a letter to Ms. Williams to formally let her know the project status.

B. Storm Water Management Revision Consideration

Mary Kivlin reported that the Planning Commission had met and extensively reviewed the revised Storm Water Management Ordinance and requested a Historical Commission review.

Members had been provided with e-mailed copies of the complete ordinance. They had been given hard copies of the sections of the ordinance that Mr. Weller felt were most relevant, Section 270-4, Section 270-10 and Section 270-11. They also received the Memorandum Mr. Weller had written regarding the relevant sections.

Mr. Weller explained that the new ordinance required developers purchasing a previously developed property to conform to the new ordinance requirements. The new ordinance provided for waivers of requirements if the developer could prove the changes would adversely affect historic structures. It was in these sections that the Planning Commission was requesting Historic Commission input.

Members commented on provisions in the new ordinance.

- The Commission concluded that the ordinance should expressly include a waiver when the requirements, when followed, would result in the degradation of an historic resource. Mr. Weller proposed an addition to the language in Section 270-11.A which would allow a waiver in that instance. A definition of "historic resource" would be added to the ordinance. Mr. Weller was to draft the language and review it with the township solicitor.

Motion: The Historical Commission recommended that an amendment to the proposed changes to the Storm Water Ordinance contain a waiver provision in Section 270-11.A with the appropriate "historic resource" definition to accommodate Historic Resources as detailed by Mr. Weller.

Vote: Approved 6/0, (McCahon/Earley)

C. Share Point Presentation

Mr. Kilgallen's presentation was postponed to the April meeting.

D. Property Conditions

Mr. Weller stated that Mike Sloan of Exton Nissan had not contacted him since he sent the letter regarding their roof replacement. He said he would follow up with him within 2 weeks.

E. Site 231 (Class II) Folly Cottage, 570 Colebrook Road

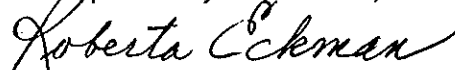
Mary Kivlin explained to the Commission that Folly Cottage was adapted from plans drawn by Frank Lloyd Wright. She explained that the owner had recently died, raising concerns about the preservation of the property. Nancy Carville, a former Historic Commission Member, had completed the original National Register nomination for the site. However, the property was not listed.

Janice Earley, Mary Kivlin and Victoria Webb were to investigate the matter further.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Roberta Eckman