

Kennett Township Historical Commission

801 Burrows Run Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317



February 02, 2023

Revised: February 10, 2023

Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87490216388>. Passcode: KTHC2020

Commission Members Present: Linda Dillow, Denise Klein, Karen Marshall, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Fredda Pennock, Ed Rahme, Lori Stewart

Members Absent: None

Visitors: Amy Ferris, Diane Hicks

MINUTES

Karen opened the Meeting at 7:00pm

1. Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the January 05, 2023 were approved with no corrections.

2. Treasurer's Report:

No new information presented.

3. Longwood Progressive Meeting House:

No new news.

4. Supervisors' Meeting:

No new news.

5. Spar Hill Farm:

Should the modified Spar Hill be identified by a different name? If so, what should it be called? There has been discussion about developing interpretative signage identifying significant aspects of the site. Ted Otteni asked Diane H. to pose the naming question to the KTHC. We will make our recommendation next month. We will also like to be involved in making recommends locations for the interpretative markers.

6. Isaac Allen House:

No new news.

7. The Pines:

Karen asked if the KTHC could meet in the bulding – Ted Otteni said no.

8. Abraham Taylor Farm House:

No new news

9. Clifton Mill:

Karen spoke to architect John Rosecranz to discuss the possibility of subdividing the property to separate the house from the barn.

10. Gilbert Potter House:

No new news.

11. The Grange:

No new news.



MINUTES (continued)

12. Chandler Mill Bridge Easement:

No new news.

13. Historic Resource mapping (Survey dates on historic structures):

Lori and ~~the Committee~~ continue to assess the current condition of historic properties for comparison to their condition noted in the previous Historic Survey Inventory.

14. Interpretative Sign:

We will order signs along with New Garden to save money on shipping. The sign should take 4-6 weeks.

15. Harriett Tubman Scenic Byway:

No new news reported.

16. 419 Burnt Mill – Zion House:

No new news.

17. 968 Sills Mill Road:

Fredda will coordinate a date for a tour.

18. Research Training:

~~Karen coordinated with Mr. Cliff Parker in Archives. They are suggesting that the Chester County Archives training visit take place at 3pm on March 16th. No new news reported. (Cliff Parker from Chester County archives has offered training in historic research. Karen will follow with Cliff to set for some time in January.)~~

19. Projection Art Project:

This discussion will be tabled until next month.

20. Walters Farm House (at 5-points):

The house has broken windows – Diane Hicks will reach out to the Owners to learn the status of the renovation.

21. New Township Zoning Ordinance:

The New Township Zoning Code was passed. There is a new provision addressing historic resources – Diane Hicks will distribute copies to the KTHC members. The Historical Commission will now make recommendations directly to the Board of Supervisors, whereas before the historical commission recommendation went to the Planning Commission and the planning commission made the recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Also the new ordinance eliminated classes of historical status. Properties are now either historic or not.

22. 600 Macfarlan Road:

Karen noticed that there is scaffolding against the house. Diane Hicks said that owner submitted a grading permit application. The Township needs to forward the application to the Township Engineer.

23. Historic Landscapes:

Ed asked the question: Does the scope for the KTHC cover modifications to historic landscapes? Diane Hicks to verify.

24. Boulet Barn Reconstruction:

Diane M will reach out to Andrea Boulet for a tour.



MINUTES (continued)

25. Karen's Sabbatical:

Diane M will be the new KTHC contact for the Township as Karen will take a short sabbatical.

26. Brandywine Valley Scenic Byway commission:

Sub committee is being established to manage the existing Scenic Byway.

Note: There may be a major impact to the Byway because of **the passing** of Mr. Irene DuPont. The house, Granogue, visible along Smith Bridge Road, is now owned by Longwood Gardens. The plan is to open the mansion to the public.

27. East Bradford Guidelines for Historic Properties:

Ed to lead conversation about Chapters 1 & 2 of the East Bradford Guidelines at the next meeting.

END MINUTES

Next Meeting:

March 02, 2023 will be hybrid.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Ed Rahme