

Kennett Township Historical Commission

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September 24, 2019

Commission Members Present: Lars Farmer, Jim Jacoby, Denise Klein, Diane McGovern, Sara Meadows, Judy Merhar, Ed Rahme

Members: Absent: Jay Hughes, Fredda Pennock

Visitors: None

MINUTES

Sara opened the Meeting at 7:02pm

1. The minutes of the August 27, 2019 meeting were accepted with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Sara reported no new expenses.

Current Balance: \$1480.00

3. Board of Supervisors Meeting:

3.1 Diane reported that plans have been developed to restore the Chandler Mill Bridge.

4. Sub-Committee Reports:

4.1 **Annual Program** –We are still discussing our annual program. The Story behind Sandy Flash was considered but no final decision on subject has been decided. Gene Pisasale was approached to be our speaker but his topics are not specifically for Kennett Township, so we will investigate further at our next meeting. The program is scheduled for October 15th 2020 at 6pm.

5. KTHC Business

5.1 **The Pines** – Sara reported that a non-profit is exploring moving into the building.

5.2 **Spar Hill Farm** – Diane reported nothing new. The Bob Wise (RGA) historic study of the property is pending. Sara examined the DRAFT copy and Bob Wise noted that there are several notable artifacts to be salvaged. He suggested that the smokehouse should and could be saved.

5.3 **Stonehouse** - Judy reported that the beehive oven on the side of the house has been restored. The owner of the stone house cannot put a garage on the house because of its proximity to the adjacent townhouses. The fence we discussed at our August meeting has been erected and was constructed out of wood.

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Last year, Jim developed a mockup of the historic marker for the stone house and we will work on finalizing the wording and placement.

- 5.4 **Clifton Mill** – Regarding the Brandywine Battlefield historical marker, which Denise is working on. Karen Marshall said that the mill was a key destination during the period of the battle and was known to the British. From research, it is now believed that the British troops camped near the mill on McFarlan Road on the eve of the Battle of the Brandywine. . .
6. **Barking Field Park** - The informational marker is being created. Sara provided the Committee with some background on the farm but the marker is still in the development stage.
7. **Isaac Allen House** - Negotiations are still in process with Chatham Financial to allow an intensive investigation of the house by RGA.
8. **The Grange** – The building had been listed on the County’s Upset List for September but it appears as though some arrangement was made to settle on the unpaid debt because the house was not sold. Linda Dillow of the LCAC (Land Conservancy Advisory Committee) approached The History Room files to discover more about the history of the Grange.
9. **Township Newsletter** - Denise wrote an article on Mills for the newsletter and Fredda wrote a piece about the upcoming Harriet Tubman movie.
10. **History Room Relocation** – The new Township manager, Eden Ratliff has relocated the History Room to the second floor where it had been previously located. Sara asked for volunteers to help sort and rearrange things.

END MINUTES

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Rahme, Secretary