

## Kennett Township Historical Commission

801 Burrows Run Road  
Chadds Ford, PA 19317



October 25, 2021

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

**Commission Members Present:** Lars Farmer (Chair), Denise Klein, Karen Marshall, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Ed Rahme

**Members: Absent:** Fredda Pennock, Nick Popovich.

**Visitors:** Diane Hicks, Amy Ferris, Barb Biedekapp, Joe Duffy, Carolyn Roland.

### Minutes

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Lars opened the Meeting at 7:07 pm

1. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the September 27, 2021, were approved with no modifications.
2. **Treasurer's Report:** The balance of our budget coming into this meeting is \$1100.00. Diane reported no new expenses. Refer to Supervisor's meeting notes.
3. **Supervisor's Meeting** – Karen and Diane McGovern attended the Supervisor's meeting and reported on the KTHC budget for 2022. They stated that they feel that the KTHC should be part of the Township's capital expenditures (and be assigned a larger portion of the Township's budget). The KTHC needs to put together a proposed budget outlining the proposed uses for the funds.
  - 3.1 Denise Klein suggested that the KTHC develop a logo to use when we submit a request for budget funds.
  - 3.2 Karen Marshall spoke to Gretchen at the Township regarding the proposed Harriet Tubman Scenic Highway. Karen noted that the Pines is along the Harriet Tubman pathway and thus should have funding for its renovation and use.
  - 3.3 Karen noted that there is a private investor interested in the Pines. The interested party prefers to remain anonymous.
4. **The Pines:** Seth Hinshaw and Karen Marshall were given permission to enter the Pines to shoot a video for Seth's Youtube site. The intention is to create awareness of saving and reusing the building.
5. **Spar Hill Farm:** Karen suggested that the committee members (to review the requirements for the use of the property) be: Jim Guthrie (Planning Commission); Diane McGovern (KTHC); Fredda Pennock (KTHC); Joe Duffy (LCAC); David Sison (Millbrook Drive Resident) to define the requirements for the use of the Spar Hill Farm. The Supervisors and Citizens of the Township need to approve the members of the Committee.



5. **The Grange:** Judy Wilson and Judy Herdeg (refer to last month's minutes for their identity) presented a letter to the owner of intent to purchase the property. However, the property had already been sold to a citizen of the Township. The new owner's identity is being kept confidential, however his intent is to restore the building to its original condition as a one-room schoolhouse.
6. **Meetings in Person:** We will continue with hybrid meetings –both in person and on ZOOM.
7. **Historic Resource Map:** Karen will reach out to the planning commission to develop a map where all historic resources are identified.
8. **Adam Taylor house (300 Exelon Way):**
  - 12.1 Board of Supervisors has asked the KTHC to comment on the proposal re: the Adam Taylor Farmhouse Condominium Association (presented by Exelon). Exelon proposed stabilizing the house and moving it to another part of their property near East Baltimore Pike. Exelon will then deed the property to Kennett Township.
  - 12.2 Karen Marshall asked if it was possible, in the event that the house was moved, for Exelon to maintain the original foundation in case future archeologists wish to access the site.
  - 12.3 The KTHC will establish a subcommittee to visit the building and assess it to determine if it is worth having the Township acquire the property. The site walk will be 1pm on Friday 10/01/2021.
  - 12.4 The Subcommittee will reconvene on Monday 10/04/2021 at 7pm to discuss the walk through.

*The KTHC voted on recommending to the Board of Supervisors that the Adam Taylor House should be mothballed in place. Voting to mothball in place was unanimous.*

13. **979 Sills Mill Road:** Barb Biedekapp, owner of the property applied for a permit to build a new accessory building and demolish the current garage. This will allow the new building to be moved away from the Riparian Buffer. She applied for a demolition permit to demolish the garage. The driveway will remain the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Ed Rahme, Secretary