

West Goshen Township  
Historical Commission Meeting  
1025 Paoli Pike  
Minutes  
Thursday, October 24, 2019

Commission Members Present: Tom Walsh, Bonnie Dean, Mike Pillagalli, Kent Smith, Doug White, Keith Smith, Kevin Pistiner and Nancy McCabe

Guests: Hugh and Shelegh Purnell, Ken Lehr, Residents of West Goshen

Meeting comes to Order: 7:01 pm

Historical Ordinance:

Kim Benze, the solicitor, spoke about the Ordinance. Many residents stood up and opposed the Ordinance as too restrictive and wanted to have their properties taken off the list of Class 1 and 2 properties to which the restrictions/laws are applicable. Mike Pillagalli pointed out that the list came from the West Chester Historical Society from research done by Wolfe in 1968. The solicitor told the residents in attendance that their questions and complaints should be directed to the West Goshen Supervisors. The Historical Commission is only an advisory board. It was recommended that the Commission send the complaints/recommendations from the meeting to the Board of Supervisors. Attached is a list of residents' issues/concerns. Excuse me if I have gotten names misspelled.

Greystone Hall History Exhibit at the Township:

Zelda Moog was present. She will be donating items to be placed on display possibly in November/December, early January. Ken Lehr mentioned possibly purchasing display cases with locks. He said he would investigate the cost. It was suggested that Zelda Moog might give a presentation. Tom Walsh asked re demolish of the barn whether we might obtain the conical supports and old barn hinges, etc.

Historic Marker Subcommittee:

The subcommittee gave members a mockup of the proposed marker. The members proposed some wording changes. There was the question of whether it should be single or double sided. The proposed site would be the corner of Boot and Ship roads by the stop sign. The subcommittee will make the changes to the wording and come back with costs.

Historic Lectures:

The November George Washington history lecture has been postponed to the Spring. It was suggested that there be a lecture on the underground railroad in the Spring as well.

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Approval of the Minutes of Thursday, September 26, 2019 as amended. Bonnie Dean motioned a vote which was seconded by Tom Walsh to approve the minutes. Commission members unanimously approved the meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Nothing new.

New Business:

Tom Walsh motioned and Mike Pillagalli seconded that the Historical Commission forward to the Township Manager and the Supervisors the residents' and the Historical Commission's alarming concerns brought up at the meeting.

New Business:

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2019 as our regular meeting date is on Thanksgiving. Keith Smith made a motion second by Tom Walsh that there be no December 2019 meeting. Commission members unanimously approved the motion.

Adjournment: There being no further business Mike Pillagalli moved to adjourn the meeting. Nancy McCabe seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy McCabe  
Secretary

Attachment to West Goshen Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2019

The following are comments made by residents attending the October 24, 2019 Historical Commission meeting:

Kathy Baldwin voiced concern about owners who may want to renovate or change their homes and how restrictive this proposed ordinance was.

John Kraskowitz had questions about repairs to roofs, stucco, etc. questioning whether they would have to go through the processes in the proposed ordinance.

Christine Gregg asked about cleaning and power washing and how they might be categorized.

Leonard Andrian complained that the list of must dos for making even small alterations was unacceptable. He spoke to Keith Smith as to taking his property off the list. 1241 Greenhill Rd.

Lori Adrian was very upset about a possible addition they may want in the future.

Tom Gavin – Goshen Rd. – Section 134 – No standard set forth.

Colin Dougherty and his wife don't want to see demolition by neglect in this community, but have many questions and concerns re repairs, additions, etc. Too restrictive.

Ted Murphy – an attorney – Mentioned “shall” means mandating or must. The penalties for not complying are alarming. The “restore as it was” is onerous. Requiring a site plan requires hiring an historic architect, applying for a waiver w/board of supervisors. All very expensive and all mandated in this Ordinance. Alarming.