

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
DECEMBER 12, 2007
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairman), Phyllis Snyder (Member), Ann Keen (Member), Elaine Preston (Secretary), Lynn Coine (Vice Chairman) (absent), Roy Kolb (Planning Commission Liaison)

Meeting Called to order 7:00PM

Pledge of Allegiance –

Minutes

P. Snyder motioned to approve the October 24, 2007 minutes with attachments.

A. Keen seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously with Roy Kolb abstaining as he was not in attendance at the October 24, 2007 meeting.

R. Kolb motioned to accept the minutes of November 14, 2007

E. Preston seconded the motion

Motion carried unanimously

Public Comments

Mr. Robert Preston, East Coventry Supervisor

Mr. Preston thanked the Historical Commission on their diligence in completing the Historic Resource Map.

Subdivision and Land Development

Telvil Hall

G. Brown reported Telvil Hall representatives, upon discussion with the Planning Commission Members, Consulting Engineer, Mrs. Rambo, and G. Brown (Historical Commission) have volunteered to move the storm water basin further to the rear of Lot N1 to direct storm water overflow further away from the Rambo's residence and barn. They also agreed to relocate the storm water piping trench so it won't jeopardize the Rambo's mature trees along their property line.

G. Brown said one of the Planning Commission members stated the Planning Commission meeting reviewing and discussing this issue was the best they had ever experienced.

By taking the initiative in having a Historic Resource Survey performed for the Historic Resources on Lot N1 and resolving issues with the neighboring properties, Telvil Hall Representatives have shown their willingness to work with our community.

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E. Preston moved to rescind the Telvil Hall motion of the previous Historical Commission meeting, as the situation has changed. P. Snyder Seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. 5-0-0

Green Acres

Green Acres representatives proposed and the Planning Commission has recommended no sidewalk on Bethel Church Road.

Hidden Acres

G. Brown reported there had been discussion at the Board of Supervisors meeting concerning the definition of the 'sanctuary'. Mr. Koury was to provide a definition and parameters.

Wineberry Estates

No action. The Historical Commission will need to diligently follow the issue with the stone wall.

Action Items

P. Snyder gave a verbal update on the calendar status; including confirmation the township office had sold nine (9) calendars. She will present a complete update at our next meeting.

G. Brown presented the latest revision of the East Coventry Historic Resource Map. This map is the result of all the information compiled and verified by all the members of the Historical Commission over the past year. A. Keen, P. Snyder, R. Kolb, R. Elliott (volunteer) in identifying all the properties listed on the previous Historic Resource Survey, approximately two hundred and forty-three (243) properties. E. Preston and L. Coine photographed and reviewed all properties from 1900 to 1957 for classification. G. Brown assembled all information from the J. Davidson drive (all members participated including past Vice Chairman, Mary E. Brower), old Historic Resource Survey Forms, old Historic Resource Survey, Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission (PHMC) files, and current review to include all properties fifty years or older. Properties were included built in 1958 as the map will be approved next year. G. Brown compiled and submitted this information to the Chester County Parks and Recreation Department, Heritage Preservation Co-Coordinator, GIS Analyst, and Support Staff. This data was input by the GIS Analyst and Staff into the county program. The resulting map and list is impressive and professional. Further revisions and a request for street names to be identified by the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is currently being incorporated and will be complete by Friday, December 14, 2007 to be presented to the Board of

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Supervisors on December 17, 2007. Chester County will incorporate all changes resulting from Zoning Notification. The Historic Resource Map will be on display at the Township Building.

G. Brown requested all information and comments on activities over the past year, including comments on where we can improve, to be sent to her prior to the next meeting for inclusion in the Annual Report.

G. Brown briefly discussed the 'Historical Resource Survey' process. All members, with the exception of Mr. Kolb, have attended training. Everyone needs to review the process to complete "Historic Resource Survey Forms" next year.

Discussion Items

G. Brown reminded members we will be nominating and electing new officers at the first meeting next year. G. Brown announced she will not be able to attend the January 23, 2008 meeting and possibly not the February 13, 2008 meeting due to personal reasons. The newly elected Vice Chairman will chair these meetings.

G. Brown announced the Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) has assigned Spencer Claypool from the North Coventry Historical Commission as liaison to a group of five or six northern Chester County Historical Commissions. The first meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2008. G. Brown asked for a volunteer to attend in her place. E. Preston volunteered.

G. Brown opened discussion as to how to improve our interface with the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. We are not getting the packages for the Planning Commission in sufficient time to review prior to the Planning Commission meetings. We need to establish a method which would not be disruptive to the Planning Commissions meetings.

R. Preston, visitor, suggested we have the Historical Commission given the Planning Commission packages the Tuesday the week before the third Wednesday when the Planning Commission has their meetings, so the East Coventry Historical Commission can review the developments at the Historical Commission meeting on the second Wednesday of the month. Mr. Preston volunteered to co-ordinate this request with the Township administrative personnel.

R. Kolb asked if E. Preston had any extra calendars of the Historical Homes in East Coventry. E. Preston didn't know, but said she would check.

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G. Brown would like to acknowledge Lynn Coine for donating a historic picture of Parkerford Station, a cream bottle 'Rinehart Creamery', and an offer to donate a display case to the Township. G. Brown to ask the Township if we have room for the case.

Adjournment

P. Snyder motioned to adjourn

A. Keen seconded the motion

The motion was approved unanimously. 5-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine C. Preston
Secretary
East Coventry Township Historical Commission