

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
March 28, 2007
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

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

Meeting called to order 7:01PM

Minutes

P.Snyder motioned to accept the minutes of March 14, 2007 as stated
M. Brower seconded the motion
The motion was unanimously approved.

Public Comment

L. Tietjen 131 Maack Road (Maack Residential). Mr. Tietjen stated he would accept the stone from the portion of the stone retaining wall in a “rebuilt” condition.

Subdivision and Land Development

Wineberry Estates (National Register Listed, Eligible – Class I Township)

- At the March 21, 2007 Planning Commission meeting, G. Brown stated that the East Coventry Township Historical Commission had approved a motion to recommend the portion of the stone wall to be removed, to be rebuilt on the Maack residential property. This motion resulted from the issue of potential flooding where the stone was proposed to be used to mark the existing easement for the horse trail on Lots #11 and #12. The Planning Commission proposed to move the stone trail marking back to the easement line, this would alleviate some of the flooding concerns
- The Historical Commission reviewed current development drawings; Mr. L. Teijin had not seen the current drawings. He had special interest in the Landscape Plan. The Historical Commission shared the plans with Mr. L. Teijin. G. Brown informed Mr. Teijin that current drawings may not be on the ‘sticks’ in the Township building, but he can always request the current drawings from the Township Administrative personnel. He stated that he had requested current drawings some time ago, and was told by the Township Administrative personnel that they couldn’t find them.
- G. Brown stated, the Historical Commission can rescind the previous motion, and make a new motion to approve the March 21, 2007 proposal, or leave the motion as approved on March 14, 2007

- P. Snyder motioned to not to rescind the previous motion
- M. Brower seconded the motion
- The motion was unanimously approved
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Neuman Subdivision

- Historical Commission members reviewed Neuman Subdivision Preliminary Plans. Neuman subdivision has included information to meet Sketch Plan requirements. G. Brown to notify Neuman Subdivision representatives that they further need to meet the Preliminary Plan requirements, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) 304.3.A, (17)

Wally et al Tract

- G. Brown read the resolution letter for Wally et al Tract
- G. Brown noted that the Historical Resources were very well marked on the plans
- Historical Commission to recommend additional historic properties identified by the current Historical Resource Survey be added to the drawings.
Recommendation to further note requirements for Preliminary Plan when submitted
- G. Brown to draft letter to the Planning Commission for clarification of conflicting requirements in SALDO
- Per information received from one of the property owners, the small piece of land below the Mennonite Cemetery and above Spiece Road is to be deeded to the cemetery upon approval of the subdivision.

Discussion Items

- G. Brown read the letter from Carol Tucci, Parks and Recreation Committee to the Board of Supervisors. The Parks and Recreation Committee recommended the Board of Supervisors retain a consultant or land planner to create a Comprehensive Township Trail and Recreational Land Use Plan.
- G. Brown read a letter from the Schuylkill River Heritage Association, dated March 12, 2007. Letter states, in part: “I am writing at this time to inquire as to the townships interest in combining our efforts to save Frick’s Locke. The Schuylkill River Heritage Area is willing to convene a meeting of Exelon, Township, and SRHA officials to discuss how we can collectively begin to take these steps of preservation. If you have interest in partnering with us on this project please have your manager contact me and we will establish a time and place to meet.” The Historical Commission supports this possibility and awaits further action from the Board of Supervisors.
- L. Coine and E. Preston were assigned the task or re-writing the paragraph for the East Coventry Web Page.

Calendar

- M. Brower and A. Keen set out all the pictures and text for the 2008 calendar. The Historical Commission members discussed possible text changes. Changes to be resolved, reviewed, and discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

L. Coine motioned to adjourn the meeting
E. Preston seconded the motion
The motion was approved unanimously
The meeting was adjourned 9:14PM

Respectfully submitted

Elaine C. Preston
Secretary
East Coventry Township Historical Commission