

## **HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES**

May 26, 2011

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lois Miller, June Frick, Lee Davis, Turk Pierce and Mickey Monson with Jim Williams and Steve Kohler attending as interested citizens; Angie Liddick represented the Township.

The April Minutes were motioned approved by June and seconded by Lee; motion passed. Angie reported the Harley-Davidson demolition permits were issued and showed pictures of those buildings involved. These having been the buildings already photographed by the Committee, there were no concerns expressed. Lee inquired whether Historic York or the Heritage Trust should be notified as well. The Committee felt that would not be part of those organizations' mission and not necessary in this case. Along those lines of discussion, Dr. Sowers reminded the Members about the upcoming exhibit (opening June 14<sup>th</sup>) at the Heritage Trust entitled "From the Front Porch to the Front Line: York County Goes to War" which includes WWII involvement by Yorkers.

Under Old Business: The memorial for Mrs. Arlene Dietz Imes has yet to be installed. The Historic Districts' signs have been delivered to Public Works and Charlie Lauer will work with Dr. Sowers to install these in appropriate locations. The Committee suggested the Pleasureville sign could perhaps be installed near Mrs. Cousler's tax office, but Dr. Sowers will check on this.

The sample Preservation Ordinances from Bryan Van Sweden's office via Teri Johnescu were discussed with the Bedminster Overlay Ordinance picked for study and discussion. Bryan mentioned, again, the importance of having public input into points of greatest concern about resources and using these points to construct an ordinance -- not rubber stamping any sample ordinance.

In researching points to be covered in an archeology policy/ordinance, Dr. Sowers submitted copies of the American Antiquities Act of 1906 and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 for the Committee's study and comments. Mickey reported having a brief discussion with Mr. Doug McLearan of PHMC who noted the following issues to be addressed: Use of the Secretary of the Interior's qualification standards for Lead Archeologist with a Township panel to review credentials, plans and Federal/State compliance work; submission of proposal with stated purpose and techniques, including remote sensing and appropriate curation of any artifacts discovered. Turk will begin to put issues to be covered into print.

Discussion of Certified Local Government designation is tabled for this meeting. Mickey gave a brief synopsis of the Lanus property report found in the Administration building basement. This ca. 1760 structure appears to still be standing with evidence of restoration work ongoing. Contact with owner would be a worthy summer hiatus project for the Committee.

Under New Business: Dr. Sowers reported that Mr. Fred Nestlerode, Twp. Codes Enforcement

Officer, inquired about the wooden garage/barn on the south side of the Industrial Highway near Just Cabinets. He can find no owner and wants to see it demolished. Lois and June would like to explore the building's background (part of the Kemper Farm?) before anything is done. They also agreed to work on copying historic resource forms of our HR Inventory list into a separate folder for a handier access to these.

Angie reported that she took the Macelyn document and picture to the Framers' Gallery and was given a quote of \$138. June and Lee felt that we could do something appropriate for display more economically than that price, so Angie will request that our documentation be returned.

The Committee was pleased to see Jim Williams at our meeting and welcomed Steve Kohler, a previous member of our Committee. Steve has moved back to York from State College and is interested in rejoining our Committee, which we are happy to hear! He will be sending his letter of intent to the Supervisors in the near future.

June motioned the meeting be adjourned and Lois provided the second.  
Next Meeting: Thursday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson