

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
MAY 24, 2012

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Lee Davis, Lois Miller, Steve Kohler, June Frick and Turk Pierce of the committee; Jim Williams, A.I.A., interested citizen; and Angie Liddick, representing the township.

The April 26 minutes were approved as corrected by Lois, that the name of antique collection place on Prospect St. is Refindings.

The only demolition permit reported was to the Suburban Park Apartments, to rebuild after a fire.

No progress was reported on the sign for Olde East York.

Dr. Sowers was in touch with Todd Bernstine, who owns Just Cabinets. Bernstine says he owns the old barn next to his business on Industrial Highway and he has no plans to do anything to it.

Dr. Sowers was ill and couldn't attend the May 12 meeting of the Friends of Camp Security. At this meeting it was reported that more land was purchased. Jim noted a fund drive for \$700,000 will be started to help pay for the land. He was concerned that the Friends of Camp Security don't care about the Schultz House, and the preservation efforts need to be combined. He said the Schultz House is still up for sale by Historic York, and while there are a lot of historic guidelines for renovation, we wouldn't want an inappropriate buyer. He said the site is listed by the National Trust as one of the top 10 in the U.S. June was concerned that the township would force the Schultz House to be hooked up to the sewer line, though this wouldn't happen until 2014. Lee reported at least one prospective buyer has been scared off by the sewer line requirement. Jim hoped this requirement would be waived if the house was publically owned. It was decided to write a letter to the township about the sewer line requirement, but only after more information was obtained, we hope at the next meeting. Dr. Sowers will invite Carol Tanzola, head of the Friends of Camp Security; Jim will check on the guidelines listed by the Realtor; and Angie will check on exactly what the township's requirements are.

Lee reported he had given the old Witmer School receipts found in the committee's files to Nick Kocoronis, who has been refurbishing the school.

A discussion of the goals of the committee brought forth these suggestions:

1. Everyone should read the 1991 history of the township.
2. The committee should have field trips to historic sites. The old Crandall Health Farm and the Lanius House were mentioned.
3. Be more visible to township residents, via the quarterly township newsletter.
4. Review the materials in the committee's filing cabinets.

June suggested that in addition to trying to preserve old buildings, the committee should be concerned with the preservation of wetlands and native plants. It was reported that the new Social Security building on Concord Road would impact some wetlands.

There was a query on the history of a property at 1014 N. Sherman St. June will contact the questioner.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,
Turk Pierce