

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 21, 2013
MINUTES

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Mickey Monson, Lee Davis, Lois Miller, June Frick and Turk Pierce of the committee; Sharon Tapp, Terry Downs and Jim Williams, A.I.A.; interested citizens; and Angela Liddick, representing the township.

The October minutes were approved on a motion by June, seconded by Lois.

No new demolition permits were issued.

Mickey had attended the township supervisor's' meeting the evening before and said there was little change from the preliminary figures on citizens' input on historic preservation as presented by Director of Community Development Trisha Lang at last month's committee meeting. Mickey said she asked the supervisors to pass a preservation ordinance with teeth, so that at least a little time would be allowed before demolition of an historic property. We need to be proactive, find "adaptive reuse" of properties, she said.

Sharon reported she had reached out to Realtors to see if they want to form a partnership to try to preserve historic properties. She said she had a positive response from Shanna Terosso, the government liaison for the Realtors, and she and Mickey will have lunch with Shanna Dec. 6 to discuss what steps could be taken. Mickey also mentioned that Supervisor Bill Schenk suggested a revolving account that could be used to temporarily buy historic properties.

The board reviewed the proposal by Terry to study seven properties to see if they qualified to be added to the historic preservation list, for \$325. Mickey moved he be hired at \$50 per property, so a price could be set for future work. This was seconded by Lois and passed unanimously, with the notation that funds wouldn't be available until after Jan. 1. Terry asked if he needed a letter from the township to go on to these properties and Angie said she will get that taken care of.

Mickey also made a motion to hire Meek's Arboricultural Services, for \$50, to authenticate the age of the 'witness tree" at 2901 Whiteford Road. This was seconded by Lee, who wondered what the margin of error on the age of the tree would be, and passed unanimously. Terry noted the house on this property is also very old.

Mickey said the supervisors were presented with the request from the committee to expand to 11 members and decided nine would be enough. She wasn't sure if formal action was taken. It is expected Sharon will replace Mickey, who is leaving the committee Jan. 1 for health reasons, though she will need to be confirmed by the supervisors.

In the discussion of the sale of the Schultz House by Historic York, Sharon said the new owners will live there and make improvements. Historic York wanted the purchasers to make the announcement of the sale, which had been noted in property transfers in the York Sunday News.

Dr. Sowers said he had toured the Pleasureville United Methodist Church cemetery and there are three Civil War veterans, one a Confederate, buried there.

The committee was reminded by June that the annual luncheon will be at noon Dec. 19 at Knickers Pub at Heritage Hills.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lee, seconded by Mickey.