

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 22, 2015
MINUTES

Present were Lee Davis, Turk Pierce, Steve Smith, Kevin Eck and June Frick of the committee and Trisha Lang representing the township.

The Nov. 20 minutes were approved without change. No demolition permits were issued.

It was noted that Dr. Luther Sowers thanked members of the committee for making him a member emeritus.

Trisha says she is the liaison to the township in place of Angela Liddick, whose job was terminated by the township. She noted there used to be seven people in her office and now there are only three.

In discussing finalization of the top 100 list of properties to be preserved, it came out the property at 470 Emig Mill Road is actually on Mundis Mill Road. Terry Downs had indicated there had been extensive interior renovations, but Steve pointed out it is the only carpenter gothic in the township, so it may still make the list.

At the Nov. 20 supervisors' meeting, Steve said we had 102 properties on our list. He is pushing for an ordinance to ban metal detectors, especially at the Camp Security site, and the township solicitor said he is working on it. Steve said his presentation on one-room schools in the township will be delayed until the fall. Steve also spoke to the planning commission Jan. 15 because they had concerns about delayed demolition. Trisha said the commission wanted to know how we picked the top 100. June noted an architect was hired in 1991 to make up this list. Trisha said she assured the commission the proposed ordinance would just lengthen the time until demolition, not prohibit it. Trisha also proposed no demolition by neglect, and that permission would have to be obtained from the supervisors for demolition of a top 100 property. There is no penalty now for demolition. She said the zoning ordinance is more stringent than this ordinance would be.

Steve presented a study of 10 buildings on the 1860 township map in the Ridgewood-Alcott-Deininger roads area west of Mount Zion Road. Four or five of these buildings still stand. Trisha said the Animal Hospital of York is doing renovations in the old Hauser Mill on East Market St. without a permit.

Steve Kohler has resigned from the committee, citing work conflicts with meeting times. Lori Mitrick says she has too much going on to serve. Trisha said maybe the supervisors would allow non-township residents to join the committee.

Steve presented a proposal for an historic plaque program for any of the top 100 buildings. Trisha said the supervisors would have to approve such as plan. Turk moved and June seconded

Steve's making this proposal to the supervisors. The homeowners would have to pay for the plaque. Steve said if historical information is put in a deed, that would give teeth to a preservation ordinance. Trisha said she would put something in the township newsletter asking if anyone who feels their property should be on the preservation list to contact the township. Steve said he has gotten some requests to be added to the list. Lee said criteria should be reviewed, and Trisha produced the guidelines adopted by the supervisors in 1991.

On a motion by Kevin, seconded by June, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Turk Pierce