

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 22, 2012

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

The Feb. 23 minutes were approved on a motion by Lee, seconded by Lois.

A partial demolition permit has been issued for 1425 N. Sherman St. This is an old bank building and a new business will go in there, Angie said.

No progress was reported on the installation of a replacement sign for Olde East York.

Dr. Sowers reported he went to 151 N. Adams St., West York, which turned out to be apartments, to search for Mullen Walton and Patricia B. Johnson, owners of the old barn on Industrial Highway, but couldn't locate them. He plans to send them a letter.

It was decided to file the letter about the family history at the York Valley Inn.

June presented some items suggested by Mickey, who couldn't attend. Nick Kocoronis' wife died. He has been refurbishing the old Witmer School. Also, a book was presented telling the history of the settlers of Druck Valley.

Jim had a history of the Schultz House written by Scott Butcher and copies were made for all the members. He also reported the township wants the Schultz House to be hooked up to the public sewer, which he feels is precisely not what to do, for preservation reasons and because Historic York, owner of the house, couldn't afford it. It would be a long way to connect to Locust Grove Road. Lee suggested sending a letter opposing the required hookup. Angie said this request may be from an old plan when more houses were planned for the property before it was acquired from Tim Pasch. Dr. Sowers said when Historic York wanted to pave the driveway, the township wanted curbing and sidewalks, but dropped those requirements after our committee protested.

The woman who inquired about the Strickler Burying Ground next to the county prison was told to contact the prison. June said she had talked to the prison and was told anyone wanting to go to the cemetery should talk to the prison first.

Dr. Sowers received a lot of literature from Bryan Van Sweden of the state Bureau for Historic Preservation. Dr. Sowers said most of it is not relevant to our committee and it should be filed.

June pointed out that we need to decide on any money-spending projects by the June meeting, because the township freezes funds in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lois, seconded by Steve.

Respectfully submitted,

Turk Pierce