

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 28, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

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

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

Angie said she expected the permit for demolition of the Pfaltzgraff barn by Susquehanna Bank would be picked up shortly. Dr. Sowers said he contacted Brad McNutt in Tennessee, the owner of the parcel, and was referred to Dave Nicholson, who he had trouble getting hold of and he has not heard any response to his request that someone from the committee be allowed to go into the barn to take pictures. Angie said the demolition company, Real Services of York, should let us in if McNutt OKs it and Angie will contact them. Lee would take the pictures with his own camera as the committee camera seems to have a problem with its memory card.

Jim said People's Bank is close to foreclosing on the Schultz House, owned by Historic York, and they could scrap any historic covenants and sell it for less. He said Historic York would like to circumvent the public sewer requirement that was mandated in a 2007 development plan. Mickey said we should try to get the community to help maintain it and she will try again to get a donor to assume the mortgage. Jane asked why this effort couldn't be combined with fund-raising for Friends of Camp Security and was told they said they had enough on their plate. Mickey noted the Schultz House was probably used as an inn at the time Camp Security was in operation.

Angie reported Andy Gentzler found a lot of the committee's stuff, including a box of township history books. He hasn't found the map or banner, but they have to be somewhere. She passed out copies of the survey of Camp Security made by Cultural Resource Analysts Inc. Mickey said by next meeting she hopes to have a list of what's in the committee's filing cabinet.

Lee said he was previously unaware of the recent demolition of the Diehl Mill property off Sherman St. Mickey said the committee knew about it years ago, toured the house and took photos. The house was in bad shape then. Dr. Sowers said it would have been nice if the flooring could have been preserved.

Mickey suggested switching the 12 photos (on four mounts) in our meeting room with similarly-mounted photos in the commissioners' meeting room. Angie said she would go through Dorrie Bowers and if she gives the OK she would do it. (After the meeting, Township Manager John Holman, when apprised of the plan, said it should be OK but the request would have to go through him.) Lee asked if we could get any copies of the pictures to give to the manager of the Stony Brook Family Restaurant, which is expanding, as he would like to use them for decoration. It was thought we would not be allowed to copy the pictures taken by Allen photography, but

pictures that were taken by the committee, with Steve involved, and pictures taken by the township police in 1965 of businesses should be fine to copy. Lee will work this out.

June thought we should recognize the renovation work done on an old carriage house at the top of the Edgewood Road hill. A sign says it was built circa 1890. She noted that Col Mahlon Haines, "The Shoe Wizard," was buried in an adjacent churchyard. Mickey showed an old picture of a Mr. and Mrs. Sipe who lived at the junction of Memory Lane and Ridgewood Road.

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