

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 25, 2013

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, June Frick, Lee Davis, Lois Miller, Steve Kohler and Mickey Monson of the Committee; Jim Williams, A.I.A. and Sharon Tapp, interested citizens and Angie Liddick, John Holman and Don Bishop representing the Township.

The March minutes were amended by Mickey on several points quoted as hers. They were duly noted and will be amended for publication with a motion to approve by Lois and a second by Steve.

Angie reported a demolition permit for the consolidation of two properties at 2419 Sunset Road. Dr. Sowers is checking on this to make sure it does not affect the Haines property. Two other permits were for remodeling purposes.

Under Old Business: The article on Lancaster County Preservation Ordinances distributed at the last meeting was discussed. All agreed that there were many good points to the different approaches to historic preservation, with some points probably unadaptable to Springettsbury Township. Dr. Sowers also read a newspaper article to the Committee regarding this subject. This topic is one that needs further study before possible submission to the current Board of Supervisors and will be listed on the Agenda for June's meeting. Mr. Holman mentioned that the start of Comprehensive Plan discussions will need to begin in 2014 with Zoning Ordinance updates slated for 2016-2017.

Regarding the hunt for a buyer for the Schultz House, Mickey is waiting to hear back from the principal contact. Jim stated that there has been some movement on inquiries to Historic York and Angie said that she had two phone calls about the property's status, with one caller very interested in buying it.

Mr. Stephen H. Smith, a history researcher, history blog columnist and 55-year resident of Springettsbury Township has agreed to speak to our Committee at the May 23rd meeting regarding tips in research.

Under New Business: Dr. Sowers suggested that we use the June meeting as a work detail to go over the Historic Resource Classification List in its current form and begin to actively identify others that might be eligible. Mr. Holman suggested that the List be published on the website when ready.

Much discussion ensued about demolition permits and our lead time on acquiring knowledge of them. June said that it was her understanding that developers often consider fines for demolition without a permit to be built into the cost of the project. Mr. Holman said that it would be counterproductive for a company to do this, seeing that their projects would rely on the Township's approval of their construction plans. Angie agreed to inform the Committee of all plans coming through her, in addition to demolition plans. Steve suggested someone be the point of contact and agreed to be that person. Lee questioned the 21 day time limit for documentation and both Mr. Holman and Angie agreed that this hasn't been a problem in the past. Lee inquired as to the status of the boarded-up brick building next to Barnhart's Motel on E. Market St. He asked whether the Committee could gain entrance or take exterior photos. Mr. Holman cautioned that no one should trespass in order to do this; from a distance would be acceptable, unless contact with the owner is made and permission

obtained.

Dr. Sowers read an email from Township resident, Jane Heller, sharply critical of our Committee and Springettsbury Township. Mr. Holman read a thank-you note from some members of the Long Family to Richard Arcuri of Susquehanna Bank for forwarding those elements of the Meadowbrook barn which they had requested. Another email mentioned the lack of communication between Township and Committee. Hopefully, this has now been addressed.

Dr. Sowers acknowledged the Letter of Intent to serve on the Committee submitted by Sharon Tapp. Due to a full slate of members (with Committee discussion about the number to which we are limited), Sharon graciously offered to attend meetings until such time as an opening occurs, either by attrition or permission to add two additional members.

The meeting was adjourned by *fiat*.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson