

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 18, 2010

12:30 PM

Present were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lee Davis, June Frick, Lois Miller and Turk Pierce; Angie Liddick, representing the Township and a visitor, Teresa Johnescu. In the absence of Secretary Mickey Monson, Turk was assigned to take the minutes.

The October minutes were corrected to show that Lee Davis was not present.
No demolition permits were reported.

Lee reported no RSVP had been received from Nick Kocoronis, who has been asked to be our guest at the December meeting to be honored for his efforts in preserving the Witmer School. June will double-check closer to the time of the meeting.

A general discussion was held regarding the township's new tree and bench dedication policy, and specifically how it impacts the memorial for former committee member Mrs. Imes. Under the new policy it will cost \$1,200 to put a plaque and a bench in Springettsbury Twp. Park. The plaque previously purchased is not suitable under township guidelines. The committee's budget is only \$1,000 a year, and this year's budget has been spent on signs for Olde East York (at E. Market St. and Royal St. on the Aamco property) and Pleasureville, which have cost more than \$1,000. Angie said the two signs have been purchased and it is expected the township will install them by the end of the year. She has also contacted PennDOT to see if they will pay for the signs, but hasn't heard back from them. Dr. Sowers said the new policy is designed to take our money without a choice of where the memorial would go, but Angie thought the township would agree with the committee's choice of location. Lee said we should meet with them and Lois said we can apply in January. June volunteered to pay the extra \$200 needed for the memorial. Lee said we need a treasurer's report on how much money the committee has, after Angie pointed out we aren't allowed to keep the profits from the 2009 bus tours of the township.

June and Lois had reviewed some unidentified pictures taken by Lee, mainly from the Long Farm and the Shultz House. A couple still unidentified will wait for Mickey to look at them.

June spoke to Jason Steinbach of 3230 First Ave., who had sought any old pictures of his home. We don't have any, but he said he might attend a future meeting of the committee.

June also reported that Mae Van Tassel died Oct. 23. She had lived in a log cabin where the York Galleria is now and supposedly had a deed to the property from the William Penn family. Relatives will be contacted to see if we can get a copy.

Teri Johnescu, a teacher at Central York, is working on a master's degree in historic preservation at Goucher College. She is trying to learn what is being done locally. She feels that because of a lack of ordinances, we have "Preservation by chance". All we can do is document buildings before they are demolished. The committee is supposed to get 21 days notice, but Angie noted there is no fine if developers don't comply. Teri discussed some case studies and asked what is the biggest barrier to preservation. Lois and June felt we aren't heard (by the supervisors). Teri asked what ordinances we would like. Dr. Sowers said better street signs and June said preservation of small wetlands. Lois said we've been successful in saving what we want to save. Teri noted that in Washington, D.C., the preservation board can deny demolitions. She feels the township needs a preservation ordinance and she will send us a sample. Dr. Sowers noted it would be nice if we had a Historical Architectural Review Board, like in the city of York. Teri, who is on the township's zoning board, said the zoning ordinances

are weak and there is no input from property owners who could be on the list of properties to be preserved.

The December meeting will be a luncheon at the Road House at 1 p.m. on Dec. 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Turk Pierce

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

October 23, 2010

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, June Frick, Lee Davis, Turk Pierce and Mickey Monson with Angie Liddick representing the Township.

The September Minutes were motioned approved by June with the revision that Turk Pierce was not in attendance as stated in those Minutes; Mickey seconded and motion passed. Angie reported one demolition for the month -- the interior of the Camera Shop site on Eastern Blvd. In response to Dr. Sowers' inquiry, Angie reported that the Jiffy Lube at the new Rite Aid site will be moving to the First Union Bank site. The lot next to the old Fire Station (now Thirsty's) will be the site of a private outpatient clinic, Patient First.

Under Old Business: June reported making a reservation for ten people on Dec. 16th at 1 PM at the Road House. Dr. Sowers asked Mickey to send an invitation to Mr. & Mrs. Nick Kocoronis and the Committee will defer to Lee's idea of an award for them.

In regards to the memorial for Mrs. Imes, Angie distributed the Township's new Dedication Policy to each member for perusal. Dr. Sowers will read it with great interest and report concerning its content at our next meeting.

The Township farmhouse memo was distributed to the Board of Supervisors and the Planning Commission since our last meeting. Dr. Sowers related getting a phone call from Supervisor Julie Landis who inquired about the impetus for such a memo, as they are not aware of any danger to the farmhouse.

Deposit check for the replacement historic district signs should be cut within the next one to two weeks; the wood has been ordered by GraphikMasters.

Dr. Sowers reported that he has composed and sent the letter of appreciation to the Board of Supervisors for their commitment for supporting the purchase of the Rowe farmland by the Conservation Society.

Mickey reported having been in contact with Teresa Johnescu for information about our committee and efforts. Mrs. Johnescu hopes to attend our November meeting.

Dr. Sowers will represent our Committee at the Historical Connections meeting at the York Heritage Trust on Nov. 22nd from 1 to 4 PM.

Under New Business: Angie received an inquiry from Jason & Stacey Steinbach of 3230 First Ave. in Yorkshire for possible old photos of their property. June will contact them about this.

June also reported that she and Lois wrote descriptions on the back of photos taken by our Committee since receipt of the new camera. There were some photos which they were unable to identify and which the Committee needs to look over, perhaps at the next meeting.

The meeting was motioned adjourned by Mickey with a second by Lee.

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the next meeting will be held on:
Thursday, November 18th at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

September 23, 2010

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lois Miller, June Frick, Lee Davis, Mickey Monson and Turk Pierce (Member-in-Waiting) with Angie Liddick representing the Township.

The June Minutes were motioned approved by Lois, seconded by Lee and unanimously approved. Angie reported no demolition permits were issued or upcoming.

Under Old Business: Dr. Sowers has received permission from the owner of the Aamco store on East Market St. to install the Old East York Historic District Sign. In regard to the memorial for Mrs. Imes, Angie has been unsuccessful in getting an appointment with Mr. Holman for permission for same. Mickey presented the members with copies of the Township Farmhouse advocacy packet for the Supervisors & Planning Commission. (A copy is attached to the original of these Minutes) Mickey asked if we could send an official thank-you letter to the Supervisors for their generous contribution toward the purchase of the Rowe Farm. Dr. Sowers will submit this to them. Lee showed the Committee prints of the pictures taken since purchasing the digital camera. There are a few more to be printed; descriptions will need to be written on the back of each print.

Under New Business: An email received from Teresa Johnescu, a member of the Zoning Hearing Board, asked questions of this Committee for inclusion in her Masters paper on Zoning and Historic Preservation. These were discussed and Mickey will email our replies to her. Mickey reported that the option on the Rowe Farm has been extended to mid-January, according to Todd McNew with the Conservation Fund. Closing would be in March if additional funding can be found. Mickey found some information about the farmhouse used by Central High School and will see that they get it.

In discussing the preservation of the Witmer School, Lois motioned that the Committee invite Nick Korkoronis and his wife to our December luncheon and present them with an award for purchasing and restoring it. June seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Photos are to be taken for inclusion in the Township newsletter. June will make reservations at the Road House for nine to ten people on the 16th of December. Lee motioned the meeting adjourned with a second by Lois. The Committee is indebted to Lee and his wife, Kathy, for supplying crackers and homemade raspberry jam for meeting refreshments!

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 28, 2010 at 12:30 PM.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 24, 2010

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lois Miller, Lee Davis, Turk Pierce (Prospective Member) and Mickey Monson. Also in attendance were Becky Adams, representing the Township and Richard King, interested citizen.

The May Minutes were approved by *fiat*. Becky reported no demolition permits, issued or upcoming.

Under Old Business: The Historic Districts' replacement signs have been ordered. Dr. Sowers will talk to the owner of the Aamco station on East Market St. for placement of the new Old East York District sign.

Mrs. Imes' memorial site was shown to Angie Liddick of the Township by June. Angie will be securing an appointment with Mr. Holman to discuss our plans (this was reported by Becky in Angie's absence).

The Township farmhouse memo to the Supervisors is to be presented at a later date while they deliberate on purchase of the Rowe farm.

Mr. King inquired as to the Committee's intention to support the Rowe Farm purchase. He was also interested in the farm's exact location.

In order to finalize our Committee's comments regarding the possible participation in purchasing the Rowe farm, the meeting was motioned adjourned by Lois with a second by Mickey.

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 23rd at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 27, 2010

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, June Frick, Lee Davis and Mickey Monson. Also in attendance were Angie Liddick, representing the Township and E.E. "Turk" Pierce, an interested Township resident.

The Minutes of the April meeting were motioned approved by Lee Davis and seconded by June Frick. Motion carried. Angie reported no new demolition permits issued or upcoming.

Under Old Business: The estimate for the replacement Historic District signs was not received in hard copy. Mickey will go see GraphikMasters about this. The Town Center plan was presented by Angie to the Committee. Mickey will be first to take it home for reading.

The Township Farmhouse Memo to the Board of Supervisors will be sent for editorializing to the members before the June meeting. Please send edits or any comments to Mickey before that time. Lee suggested that we find out how many times the farmhouse has been used in the past five years for evidence of use. Mickey will look into this for inclusion in the memo.

June will be meeting with Angie to show her the site selected by the Committee for Mrs. Imes' memorial.

Under New Business: Lee offered to take pictures of the SE corner of Market & Edgewood before the gas station building and two houses are demolished for construction of the new Rite Aid pharmacy building. June will ask Lois to see that Lee gets the Committee's camera for this. Lee will also take pictures of this block before the highway is widened and also some sequential pictures of the restoration of the Witmer School for possible inclusion in the Township newsletter. Mickey suggested that we nominate Nick Korkoronis for a 2011 Historic York, Inc. Preservation Award in February for his work on the School.

Turk Pierce expressed his intent to apply for membership in the Committee to the Board of Supervisors. The members are thrilled to welcome him into the Committee!

The meeting was adjourned by *fiat*.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 24, 2010 at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 22, 2010

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lois Miller, June Frick, Lee Davis and Mickey Monson. Also in attendance were Angie Liddick, representing the Township and E.E."Turk" Pierce, an interested Township resident.

The revised February Minutes and March Minutes were motioned approved by June and seconded by Lois. Angie reported on the impending demolition (approx. May 15th) of the Long farmhouse on North Sherman St. No other permits are pending.

Under Old Business: The Witmer School auction was well attended and the winning bid went to a neighbor, Mr. Nick Kocoronis. Lee encouraged the Members to see the good work already being done to restore the school.

Since the written estimate for the Historic District replacement signs wasn't received yet, Mickey will call GraphikMasters to expedite this. Dr. Sowers will approach the Aamco station on East Market near Royal St. to see if they would allow placement of the East York Historic District sign for greater visibility.

Mr. Pierce presented the Committee with a revised memoir which includes additional items contributed by his family. Dr. Sowers is working on his memories of the same area.

The Township farmhouse was traced back to <1943; an exact date has not been ascertained. In advocating for its safety, June felt that we should be recommending reasons for its use, that is, for classes, as a museum or even as this Committee's meeting place. There is a question as to the heating/cooling adequacy. It is up to code for public meetings. Members are asked to think about the wording of a formal resolution for the next meeting.

Angie will see that the Committee receives the final Town Center plan.

There being no new business to be discussed, the Committee adjourned to visit the Springettsbury Park to secure a site for the memorial for Mrs. Imes.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 27th at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

March 25, 2010

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lee Davis and Mickey Monson, with Angie Liddick representing the Township.

The February Minutes were approved by Dr. Sowers and seconded by Lee Davis, after correction by Dr. Sowers. See: Revised February Minutes.

Under Old Business: Angie reported that there was one demolition permit for a building behind Capital Self-Storage (not the Valley Canvas building). There are no other permits issued or upcoming at this time.

The auction of the Witmer School will be this Saturday, March 27th. It will open for inspection at 12 Noon. All three attending Committeepersons are intending to be there.

Turk Pierce's Memoir was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Sowers will also write an addendum from his own memories to complete some of the information contained therein. Mickey is to write Mr. Pierce a note of gratitude from the Committee.

In regards to Historic District sign replacements, Mickey reported that Cindi from Graphik Masters quoted each sign, made with redwood, would be \$675 for the sign and \$125 for the post. However, if we were to use cedar wood, the estimate would be \$480 for the sign and \$65 for the post. Lee motioned that we order the two signs made with cedar. Mickey seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Mickey is to contact Graphik Masters.

Under New Business: Mickey asked if the Committee should prepare for advocacy of the Township farmhouse (Rec. Building) if it becomes slated for demolition during the construction of the new Police Headquarters. The Committee feels that we should compose a Resolution to be submitted to the Supervisors, with a rough draft of that resolution begun at this meeting.

Angie reported that the Town Center Project is to be adopted by the Supervisors at 7 PM tonight and she will see that we get a copy of the final details.

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 22nd at 12:30 PM.

Wear comfortable shoes for investigating site for Mrs. Imes' Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
REVISED MINUTES

February 25, 2010
12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, June Frick, Lee Davis, and Mickey Monson, with Mr. Holman & Angie Liddick representing the Township and Turk Pierce attending as an interested citizen.

The January Minutes were approved by June and seconded by Mickey, after corrections by June, Lee and Mickey. See: Revised January Minutes.

Under Old Business: Angie reported that there were no demolition permits issued or upcoming. Mr. Holman addressed the Committee concerning the status of the street signs for Old East York. He indicated that the funding for these signs has been budgeted for several years. On March 1st, the Township engineer and public works director will be meeting with PennDOT to clarify the State's directive to replace all Township street signs within the next two years. Mr. Holman also stated that the OEY signs will be ordered by the end of this year. He also discussed the plan to move the Township police department to the northern end of the administration building with demolition of the current police building. Mickey expressed a concern for the Township farmhouse's future as the example of the Township's respect for its agrarian roots. Mr. Holman was reluctant to speak for its preservation. Other topics under discussion were the Town Center Plan and the Memorial Policy for the Township Park in regards to Mrs. Imes' memorial. Mr. Holman then exited the meeting

The Witmer school is planned for absolute auction on March 27th at 1 PM. Lee mentioned the interest of a neighbor in a possible bid for the property and the auctioning of student desks, barrister bookcase, tables, a wagon and a farm round table.

Angie offered to look into using the Bus Tour monies for Mrs. Imes' memorial. She also suggested that we investigate a good site for the memorial tree and plaque, and that she would encourage Mr. Holman to follow through on the discussed plan. We will do this at the April meeting. Mr. Turk Pierce presented his childhood memoirs entitled "Growing Up in Springettsbury Township" to the Committee, for which they expressed thanks. Mickey reported that Cindy at Graphik Masters would be getting back to her with an estimate for two new historic district signs.

Under New Business: Angie distributed papers to nominate preservation awards for Historic York. June mentioned Richard Mylin for preservation of the old Auto Club building on East Market St. Angie also inquired as to how many of the Township Centennial books are left for sale. She was directed to check for boxes of these in the Township's barn on Mt. Zion Rd.

Dr. Sowers presented photocopies of the Norman Abel (son of I. B. Abel) home built on the corner of Philadelphia and Keeseey Sts. These were shared by Mr. Abel's daughter, Virginia. Thereupon, the meeting was motioned adjourned by Lee with a second by Mickey.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 12:30 PM.
Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
REVISED MINUTES**

January 28, 2010
12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, Lois Miller, June Frick, Lee Davis and Mickey Monson with Angie Liddick representing the Township and Turk Pierce attending as an interested citizen.

The 2010 slate of officers was confirmed by *fiat* : Chair: Dr. Sowers; Vice-Chair: Lee Davis and Secretary: Mickey Monson.

The November Minutes were motioned approved by Lois and seconded by June, with no dissention.

Angie reported that there were no demolition permits issued or upcoming.

Under Old Business: The 2009 Historic Bus Tours conducted by our Committee cleared a profit of \$450 (combined). The Committee hopes to use these funds for the Memorial for Mrs. Imes. Because Dr. Sowers believes that there is some “foot-dragging” in regards to having a memorial in the Township park, June motioned that we make a contribution to Historic York for the Schultz House in memory of Mrs. Imes. Lois seconded this motion; motion passed unanimously.

The request by resident Eric Anderson for aerial photos was directed by June to the Allen Studios on East Prospect Road. The request by Al Rose for information about the Horace Smyser Mill was directed to the Springettsbury Twp. Centennial Book p. 152 by Mickey. Dr. Sowers reported on a resident’s request (a Mrs. Murphy) for someone to move a stove in her house. Dr. Sowers referred her to the Fire Department.

Mickey reported that she didn’t have the opportunity to discuss replacing the two Historic District signs with Graphik Masters yet. Hopefully, she’ll manage to do this before the next meeting.

When discussing goals for our Committee for the year, it was decided that we meet with Mr. Holman to get a definitive answer regarding new street signs for the East York Historic District. Angie will ask him to attend our next meeting in this regard.

Under New Business: Mickey asked Turk Pierce to submit his remembrances in memoir form for the Committee’s archives. Mr. Pierce indicated that he would be agreeable to doing this. The meeting was adjourned by *fiat*.

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ellen “Mickey” Monson