

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
JANUARY 23, 2014
MINUTES**

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Lois Miller, Turk Pierce and Lee Davis of the committee. June Frick injured her foot in a fall and a card was prepared to send to her. Also in attendance were Trisha Lang and Angie Liddick, representing the township; and interested citizens Sharon Tapp, Stephen H. Smith, Jane Heller and Jim Williams, A.I.A.

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

No new demolition permits were issued.

Sharon reported on a meeting she, Mickey Monson and Terry Downs had with Shanna Terosso, the government liaison for the local Realtors group. Sharon said Shanna was very positive, and referenced a magazine article about the pros and cons of selling historic properties. Sharon suggested making our list of historic properties available to local Realtors. Sharon also had a pamphlet from the York/Adams Regional Smart Growth Coalition and thought we might get involved with them. Sharon also suggested that all the local preservation groups in the county should get together. Trisha said tourism groups could be involved and the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions helps local preservation commissions. They have a newsletter available on-line and put on seminars for local preservationists.

Trisha said the township is letting the property owners know that Terry Downs will be studying seven properties to see if they deserve to be on the historic preservation list.

No one was sure of the status of hiring Meek's Arboricultural Services to authenticate the age of the "witness tree," a sycamore at 2901 Whiteford Road. Steve had previously gotten an estimate that the tree was over 250 years old. Trisha says if plans go through to put a light at that intersection, the tree could be in jeopardy. Dr. Sowers will check with Mickey on the status of the study.

Dr Sowers said that Township Manager John Holman is asking for recommendations for new people to serve on the committee, as the supervisors have approved expansion to nine members. Mr. Holman knows that Sharon is expected to take Mickey's place. No one else has applied, and those interested should apply in writing. Dr. Sowers will contact Lori Mitrick to see if she is interested. Jim will contact Scott Butcher of Historic York to see if he is interested. Steve said he is interested.

Jane said the board should be more active, noting that Spring Grove and Lower Windsor townships have historic overlays and an 80-day delay in issuing demolition permits. Trisha says we are discussing with the supervisors what should be preserved, so we don't get blindsided at the last minute as was the case with the demolition of the Avalong Barn. This committee needs to prepare the supervisors, she said.

Trisha said she has organized the committee's materials better, the books are more accessible. She said Supervisor Julie Landis reported a state preservation funding plan in the supervisors' newsletter. This is reserved for Certified Local Government programs, and maybe we could get involved in that.

Adjournment was on a motion by Lee, seconded by Lois.

Respectfully submitted,
Turk Pierce