

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
APRIL 24, 2014  
MINUTES

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Steve Smith, Turk Pierce, Lois Miller and Kevin Eck of the committee; Carol Tanzola, Les Jones and Steve Warfel of Friends of Camp Security; Trisha Lang and Angie Liddick representing the township; and Jane Heller and Jim Williams, A.I.A., interested citizens. The meeting was held in the farmhouse next to the township building.

Carol said Camp Security was at the top of the list of historic properties in the township compiled in 2001. FCS has worked with the township, worked on the history and on preservation efforts, and after 12 years the property has been secured and turned over to the township for preservation. She proposed a committee which would include some of our members and some from the township Parks and Recreation Committee. Steve Smith and Jim volunteered for this. Carol said the Dept. of Conservation of Natural Resources will let everyone know what can or can't be done at the site, and then the long-range archeology plan can be implemented. Committee members had been given a copy of this plan. FCS has been given a \$9,600 grant from the National Preservation Trust from the Battlefield Fund, which may open a new source of funding. Les, a native of Great Britain, said he was interested in the people at Camp Security, about 2,500. First there were prisoners from the Battle of Saratoga in 1781, then prisoners from Yorktown in 1783. Women and children were present, and he said the prisoners were treated more humanely than those captured by the British. Steve Warfel has been an archeologist for 45 years. In 1979 artifacts were excavated indicating the presence of Camp Indulgence, which didn't have a stockade. Camp Security, for the later prisoners, did. He indicated on the map provided where the digging would start to locate Camp Security.

Steve Smith said an access area would be needed, including a parking area and a port-a-potty. He made a motion to ask the township to create such an area, at the south end of the tract off Locust Grove Road. this was seconded by Lois and approved unanimously. Magnetic surveys have shown the probable locations of the camps at the upper, hilly end of the tract. Carol said FCS is raising funds for archeological work, not using township money. FCS is seeking signs prohibiting removal of artifacts. Steve Warfel said the state has similar signs and Trisha said the township will look into it. Jane asked that if the site is to be marketed as a tourist attraction, could other buildings be tied in. Steve Warfel said there is no evidence other buildings were involved, the guards lived on site. Les said the Shultz House would be ideal for a visitor's center, but it's now in private hands. At the request of FCS, Steve Smith made a motion, seconded by Turk, that our committee accepts FCS's long-range plan and that it be approved by the supervisors. This passed unanimously. Steve Warfel said it is hoped that by the summer of 2015 York College students would help with the dig and survey.

No demolition permits were issued.

Terry Downs has not reported on his study of seven properties to be added to the historic preservation list.

Steve Smith presented a statement on how to market the property at 2901 Whiteford Road, which includes a "witness tree." His statement included criteria for listing historic properties. It was agreed Steve would present this statement to the township supervisors at their May 8 meeting.

Steve presented a list of 10 properties he investigated that were on Shearer's 1860 map. Of those 10, four still stand, the 2901 Whiteford Road property mentioned above; 2840 Whiteford Road (Christmas Tree Hill); 1620 Memory Lane (Livingston property); and 1748 North Hills Road (Spangler property). He will investigate 10 more properties before next month's meeting, including 3103 E. Market St., next to Barnhart's Motel.

Trisha reported that the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions, which we joined last month, has given us free membership through 2015.

Trisha presented a memorandum about the listing of threatened resources. She said the supervisors are asking the committee to identify buildings at risk, then strategies for preserving them. There may need to be rezoning. The supervisors have asked her to put together options. Jane indicated she thought the committee should pressure the supervisors to adopt a preservation ordinance with teeth in it.

Respectfully submitted,  
Turk Pierce