

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 26, 2014
MINUTES

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Sharon Tapp, June Frick, Lee Davis, Steve Smith and Kevin Eck of the committee and Angela Liddick and Patricia Lang representing the township.

No demolition permits were issued.

Dr. Luther Sowers offered his resignation. June motioned to recognize Dr. Sowers' service. Lee thinks that Township supervisors should send a letter of thanks to him. Other suggestions for ways of recognition will be discussed.

Committee not listed on the Smart Growth Coalition website, who was having no meeting in June. There was no contact from them to Sharon. Sharon will be in contact with the realtor, and the issue will be moved to the September agenda.

June was looking for an old map of Springettsbury Township. Steve believed he could acquire one from the York Historical Society.

Steve has been reviewing the List of 100 and buildings that are still standing. 1922 Williams Road remains standing, but badly damaged and being removed from the List of 100. It was proposed that Stony Brook School, 101 Locust Grove Road, be added to the List. Steve plans to assess about 10 more properties for the List. He also handed out sheets showing some of the properties of interest. Buildings at 3743, 3741, 3697 and 3755 E. Market Street could all potentially be added. These properties raise the possibility of a Stony Brook Historic District. Dr. Sowers inquired about the Mennonite Church and its age. Steve would be looking into it. It was agreed that the List of 100 was probably short of that number, with about 89 properties being on the List now.

Original List of 100 was handed out, with the demolished ones removed from it. Steve explained the list and the meanings of A, B1, B2, B3 and B4 columns. The Civil War entrenchments were discussed, and the concerns about the new Rail Trail coming into contact with them. Patricia mentioned the chance of construction disturbing them. Steve asked if they were County property, while Dr. Sowers thought John Klinedinst may know the answer.

Steve discussed having a Township Historical Meeting several times per year. The idea was also presented of looking for more people-oriented historic buildings. The question was raised as to what buildings are the most important to protect. Patricia mentioned several preservation tools. Act 167 is the most useful legislation, the Historic District Act. MPC, using zoning ordinances and how historic overlays apply to items on the list. Patricia will be looking into several options to ensure that we are doing all that we can.

The Township sent notice to 3103 East Market St. saying that the property is deficient in several ways. The Township is willing to work with them. Options of boarding windows and fixing the roof have been discussed.

Sharon mentioned a portion of the Township newsletter being dedicated to historic preservation and certain properties, and perhaps including stories about these subjects.

Steve will be attending the June 26 Township meeting, along with meetings discussing the Camp Security dig.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lee, seconded by Steve.

Submitted by Kevin Eck