

**SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 25, 2014
MINUTES**

In attendance were Lee Davis, Turk Pierce, Steve Smith, Sharon Tapp and Lois Miller of the committee; Trisha Lang and Angie Liddick representing the township; Jim Williams, A.I.A.; and Terry Downs and Jane Heller, visitors.

The June 26 minutes were approved on a motion by Steve, seconded by Sharon, with the following changes: The resignation of Dr. Luther Sowers as chairman of the committee was moved to the beginning of the minutes, with the note he had to leave the meeting early; Market St. was inserted behind addresses in the fifth paragraph; and presentation was changed to preservation in the seventh paragraph.

Lee nominated Steve to be the new chairman, Turk seconded and this was approved unanimously. Steve moved to make Dr. Sowers an emeritus member of the committee, and had a certificate to present to him. Lee seconded this motion and it was approved unanimously. Steve said he expects Dr. Sowers to stop by every so often. The Board of Supervisors sent him a letter of appreciation.

Jane reported the property at 3103 E. Market St. has been boarded up and work done on the roof. Terry said a veterinary clinic is going into the old framer's site by the Ettlne property on East Market St. and they are keeping some features of the building. Jane said Dollar General has backed off the Ettlne site but it is still at risk.

Terry reported on four of the eight properties he has been commissioned to study for possible inclusion on the Top 100 list. He said the house at 3697 E. Market St., to the East of the Road House restaurant, dates to 1810. 1280 Ridgewood Road is partially of log construction. He will check more on the old Capt. Fry property at 3937 Ridgewood Road, which has provenance. He said the property at 520 Stonewood Road, owned by Blanda Nace, has been too much altered to qualify. At 2050 Deininger Road the property owner, Jean Fix, gave him a lot of information about the property and he could write a three-page narrative on its history, Steve and Trisha encouraged this, saying such stories could influence buyers to preserve properties. He will report on the other properties at the October meeting.

Angie reported two demolition permits, the former Budget Host Inn and a house at 900 S. Harlan St., both for the widening of the Interstate 83-Mt. Rose Ave. interchange. Neither is historically important.

Steve reported we're modifying the top 100 list created in 2001. He is starting with a list of 214 buildings on the 1860 township map. He has visited 60 of them. He passed out copies of both the 2001 list and the 1860 map. Trisha noted just because a building is not on the top 100 list doesn't mean it's not worth being preserved.

Sharon reported the York/Adams Regional Smart Growth Coalition will meet Oct. 10 and she and Trisha have registered to attend. Steve also indicated he would attend. Sharon passed out information from Penn State on how farm buildings tell the state's agricultural history. She also quoted articles from a national preservation publication that show property values are higher in historic districts and that it is "greener" to preserve than to tear down. Steve is planning an historic open house in 2015, and notes the township has some aerial photos which would help with the presentation. Lee said it might be possible to use York Little Theater if the township meeting room is too small and Sharon said Advent Lutheran also has a big hall which might be used,

Steve reported on his presentation at the June 26 supervisors' meeting about the Whiteford Road property that was formerly a bank and now owned by Connie Herr of Lancaster, who would like to lease it. He and Jim toured the building and other than the brick front, nothing is original. He reported the township is putting up signs at the Camp Security dig to prevent unauthorized digging. He noted using technology to pinpoint possible sites of artifacts hasn't worked out too well, and Steve Warfel, in charge of the dig, will use diary accounts to locate a more likely spot next summer. Steve Smith will attend the supervisors' Oct. 9 meeting.

Trisha said the draft demolition ordinance, which had been mailed to committee members, is part of the zoning ordinance and codifies current policy, giving the supervisors a tool to prevent demolition. Lois moved and Sharon seconded a motion to present this to the supervisors for adoption. This passed unanimously. Sharon noted she plans to meet the new township manager at an open house Sept. 25.

Lee reported that Rob Kocoronis, son of the late Nick, has continued to improve the Witmer School site. Lee said he would look into scheduling the committee's Christmas lunch Dec. 11 at the Road House, owned by Kocoronis, if it is open.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Sharon, seconded by Lois.

Respectfully submitted,
Turk Pierce