

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 28, 2011

12:30 PM

In attendance were: Dr. Luther Sowers, June Frick, Lee Davis and Mickey Monson, with Angie Liddick representing the Township and Mr. John Holman, Township Manager.

The March Minutes were motioned approved by Dr. Sowers and June seconded; motion passed. Angie reported no demolition permits issued.

Under Old Business: Letters from the Committee to Mr. Holman and Mr. Jim Williams regarding the I83-Exit 18 Reconstruction Project and criteria for Committee members were sent as dictated and approved by Dr. Sowers. Email to the Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Naval Ordnance Plant history was compiled by Mickey and forwarded by Angie.

The memorial for Mrs. Imes is set for installation in April or May, according to Dave Wendal as reported by Angie.

Lee reported that the Historic District signs are ready for pickup. He remarked on their good appearance. The posts will be 10 feet instead of 8 feet which could impact their final cost. Angie will ask maintenance to pick up the signs from GraphikMasters.

Turk submitted by email his research on the topic of Certified Local Governments (Copy is attached to original of these minutes). York City is the only municipality in the County to have a CLG preservation program. Sample preservation ordinances were forwarded to Turk; Teri Johnescu also submitted these to the Committee. Bryan Van Sweden, Community Preservation Coordinator for Central and Northeastern PA (717.772.5071) (bvansweden@state.pa.us) is our contact for this program and offered to attend one of our meetings if need be.

New Business: Mr. Holman presented a request to our Committee concerning the Walters tract, ownership of which will be transferred by mid-May to the Township through the Department of Community Natural Resources. He asked the members to develop a policy for the site in anticipation of requests for archeological investigation. (Currently, by ordinance, no digging of any kind is permitted in a Township park.) This policy is to include credentials required for the person in charge, standards to be followed and site restoration upon completion. He also has asked Angie and Teri Gilfillan to investigate policies from the National Park Service. In anticipation of research required, Dr. Sowers offered to speak to a contact that he has at the Gettysburg Battlefield.

Mr. Holman reported that, due to recent rains, boxes stored in the basement will have to be removed. In so doing, he submitted a file on a study found in these boxes. Dr. Sowers took possession of this to ascertain the subject matter. Mr. Holman also offered shelf space in the newly designated library (Andrew Stern's old office) for the Committee's use.

On April 15th, Dr. Sowers, Lee and Mickey were taken on a site visit of the projected demolition at the Harley-Davidson plant in the Township. The WWII era operational building, barn and other outbuildings are slated for destruction with the underlying land purchased by the York County Industrial Development Authority. This tour was strongly suggested at the time of permitting and Mr. Jason Schramski, Project Manager of The Whiting-Turner Contracting Co. of Baltimore graciously conducted it from his truck. The members asked questions and took many photos to document those structures to which they had access. Lee used the Committee's camera and his own personal camera, while Mickey used her personal camera (copies shown to the Committee and to be stored in our file cabinet). Jason emailed additional literature and pictures of the "Naval Ordnance Plant" from Harley-Davidson files. An appreciative email was sent to Mr. Schramski for his generous time, interest and support.

June motioned the meeting be adjourned with a second by Lee; motion passed.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 12:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ellen "Mickey" Monson