

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
MARCH 28, 2013
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Mickey Monson, Lee Davis, Steve Kohler, June Frick, Lois Miller and Turk Pierce of the committee; Jim Williams, A.I.A., interested citizen; visitor Sharon Tapp; Tim Stonesifer of the York Daily Record; and Angela Liddick, representing the township.

The February minutes were amended by Mickey to clarify that it was the Friends of Camp Security who had said they had enough on their plate without trying to raise funds to purchase the Schultz House. The minutes were then adopted on a motion by Lois, seconded by June.

Angie reported no new exterior demolition permits had been issued.

Lee and Steve passed around pictures they had taken of the interior of the Pfaltzgraff barn before it was demolished by Susquehanna Bank.

Mickey said there is a prospective buyer for the Schultz House, who would do it for tax credits and then rent it to the Friends of Camp Security. She said Township Manager John Holman had approved the committee's canvassing at township events for funds for maintenance of the house. Jim added there has been no new movement to foreclose on the house, owned by Historic York.

Angie said Dori Bowders had approved switching historic photos from the committee's meeting room to the supervisors' meeting room.

Lee reported he got permission from J. David Allen, who took some of these photographs, to reproduce them so they can be displayed at a renovated Stony Brook Family Restaurant. Lee noted the pictures of the Workingman's Friend gas station and White Rose Motors are missing.

In discussing the Cultural Resource Analysts magnetic resonance survey of the Camp Security site, Turk was surprised by how far up the hill off Locust Grove Road the camp apparently was. Dr. Sowers said they worked their way down the hill, but where was the graveyard? He noted there must have been quite a few deaths, as conditions were like those at Valley Forge when George Washington and the troops spent a winter there.

Jack Hadge of the township provided copies of an article in the Lancaster Intelligencer-Journal about preservation efforts in Lancaster County.

Mickey said we only have 21 days from the time someone gets a demolition permit to get into the building and take pictures. She said a proposal for earlier notification of the committee was shot down by the supervisors in the 1990s, but the current board might be more amenable. She mentioned the Peacock Farm property, also known as Diehl's Mill, off North Sherman St. that was recently demolished. She said owner Bob Kinsley said he would have sold the property if it

could have been moved but that was too complicated. She said our committee visited the property in 2005. June noted that at that time the property was stripped but otherwise in good shape. Mickey added the Planning Commission agenda isn't informative enough but that she can find out proposed demolition requests earlier. Dr. Sowers said the Strickler House on Concord Road next to the jail could be the next historic property to be demolished. It is owned by the county but is vacant.

Mickey said Steven H. Smith has a blog with the history of the Myers family who owned the Meadowbrook mansion. He has volunteered to talk to the committee about how to research the ownership of a property and will be invited to address the May meeting. He has lived in the township 55 years. She displayed more information that she got off the internet about other historic properties and noted there are five properties in the township eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. She said 2001 was the last time the list of 100 oldest buildings in the township was updated. She said it would be nice if the committee had a young computer-savvy member to get more information off the internet.

Sharon, whose ancestors at one time owned the property which included the now-demolished Pfaltzgraff barn, said there need to be laws with more teeth to protect our cultural heritage. She noted a lot of people were upset by the demolition of the barn. She volunteered to join our committee and was told she should apply to Township Manager Holman. Jim said the loss of the barn could be a catalyst for preservation in the area. He noted when Penn Station in New York City was demolished in 1963 it sparked a cry for historical preservation in the city.

Mickey passed out indices to the committee's material stored in a filing cabinet in another room in the township headquarters. She emphasized you need to sign out anything you take and added we need better dating of items. She has done an excellent job in getting this organized, and found the Edgewood pictures, but the committee's banner has still not showed up.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Turk Pierce