

SPRINGETTSBURY TOWNSHIP  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
JANUARY 24, 2013  
MEETING MINUTES

In attendance were Dr. Luther Sowers, Mickey Monson, Lee Davis, Turk Pierce, Lois Miller and June Frick of the committee; Jim Williams, A.I.A., interested citizen; Charlie Stuhre of the township Planning Commission; and Angela Liddick, representing the township.

The November minutes were approved as read.

Angie reported that Susquehanna Bank wants to tear down the Pfaltzgraff Barn on Whiteford Road. This request has been presented to the Planning Commission for review and will be acted on by the commission Feb. 7. The request would then go to the township supervisors for final approval. Jim noted the barn was built around 1950 and has enormous stone walls and would be expensive to demolish. He added the architectural community feels even 1950s buildings are historic and York tears down buildings just when they should be saved. He said a new building would be generic. He wondered if there were reusable materials inside and Angie said yes. June noted the building has an old foundation and Dr. Sowers said the barn had burned down twice. June asked if we could go inside to take pictures and Angie did not think that would be a problem.

Charlie said the presentation to his committee said the building has no historic significance. It would be a retail bank with three drive-thru windows. They want a traffic light, lining up their entrance with the entrance to the Galleria Mall, but they would need a 120-foot stacking lane. Angie said the traffic doesn't warrant a light yet. The proposed driveway into the bank could serve other businesses. Charlie said this development might enhance some adjacent properties and the bank wants to sell its current building across the street. He suggested someone from our committee should attend the Planning Commission meeting on Feb. 7. Mickey proposed seeing the person in charge of the move in a private setting, asking their aims, telling them the public would be unhappy with the demolition and maybe they have a plan B. Mickey added that the barn is not specifically in the township's top 100 buildings, but other buildings in the area are. Angie got the name of this person and Mickey and Dr. Sowers plan to see him. Lee said the committee needs to present an alternative plan to the bank.

Lois suggested that the bank could use just part of the barn without demolishing it and Charlie said maybe one wall could be preserved for historic purposes. They won't use the barn as is, he said, noting the plans would make part of the area now occupied by the barn a parking lot. Charlie said the property is now owned by Bank of America and he expects the Planning Commission to approve the demolition unless our board can block it. Angie noted Susquehanna Bank does not own the property, they're just leasing it.

It was reported the Olde East York signs have were finally erected in November.

Mickey reported she approached a prospective donor to buy the Schultz House but no decision was reached. June suggested international-known artist Jeff Koons from Dover. Mickey said it was like 2003, when the committee was fighting to save the Camp Security property from development.

A motion by Mickey to table discussion of fund-raising projects until the Schultz House and the Pfaltzgraff Barn have been taken care of was approved.

June said we are still missing our banner, an old map and small paintings. Mickey said Teri Gilfillan may know about the small paintings. Andy Gentzler of the township will search for the missing material.

Lee produced old York County church records and The Manor of Springettsbury book, which had been given to him by his neighbor, Sally Frey of Old Orchard Road. She had gotten them from her sister-in-law who got them at an auction in Virginia.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Lois, second by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Turk Pierce