

April 30, 2019

## Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board Meeting

The April 30, 2019 Meeting of the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board was held at the Newtown Township Administration Building, at 7:30 pm.

Attendees: Tina Conn, Chairman; Eric Gerst, Vice Chair; John Garvey, Board Member.

Also present: George Sharretts, Newtown Township Public Works Director; Keith Marshall, CMC Engineering; Beris Fairclough, Assistant to Mr. Gerst.

Not present: Ed Johnston, Executive Vice Chair; Rosario Scalia, Board Member; Willistown Township Public Works Director Bill Hagan; Bartram Historian Chris Gallagher.

Minutes were summarized by Tina Conn. They were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Hagan was not present, but he forwarded his report. Balance as of April 24, 2019 is \$19,685.98.

Chairman's Report: Tina Conn summarized the February 25 special planning meeting attended by Eric Gerst, Ed Johnston, Rosario Scalia, John Garvey, and Eric's wife, Carol. After suggestions and discussion a decision was made to suspend the fund raising efforts of the Friends of Bartram Covered Bridge Historical Society and request a meeting to discuss. The following day Eric Gerst prepared a letter notifying the townships of our decision. This meeting was held on April 2 at the Newtown Township Administration Building attended by Stephen Nease, Newtown Township Manager; Linda Duvall, Newtown Township Board of Supervisor Member; David Burman, Willistown Township Manager; Friends of Bartram

Covered Bridge Historical Society and Joint Preservation Board Members Tina Conn, Ed Johnston, Eric Gerst; Carlos Gilding, Assistant to Mr. Gerst. Discussion was held and our reasons for the suspension were presented. The supervisors thanked us for our volunteer work and let us know that we were covered under their insurance plan for any activities regarding Bartram Bridge. Our engineering report was expected to be completed within 5-6 weeks. Once received, we will prioritize our fundraising efforts.

There were no reports from Ed Johnston or Historian Chris Gallagher.

The engineering report from CMC emailed to board members on April 12. It was requested by us to have a representative at our meeting. Keith Marshall is attending today's meeting. Tina brought a copy to share with the township public works departments. Tina will email copies of the report to the township managers and township public works directors tomorrow.

Keith Marshall, CMC Engineering, took questions about the report. He explained that the west abutment is in need of repair. Also, water is coming down the hillside to the bridge on the Willistown Township side and needs to be directed away from the bridge and abutment. A mason skilled in historical restoration should be sought to get an estimate for this work. The drainage issue is of immediate importance to be temporarily and then permanently repaired.

The members of the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board and the Friends of Bartram Covered Bridge Historical Society approved payment of the invoice for CMC Engineering. The monies have been previously approved by the Newtown and Willistown Board of Supervisors.

Next meeting of the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board is scheduled for the last Tuesday in July, which will be July 30, 2019 at 7:30, at Bartram Covered Bridge located at Goshen and Boot Roads in Newtown Square, PA.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Conn