

Willistown Township Historical Commission Minutes August 6, 2019

In attendance, Commission Members - Terry Kile, Jeannette Lindvig, Warren Claytor, Marie Quinn Johnson, Kirk Lindvig, Richard Mosback, Bart Van Valkenburgh; Absent - Alicia Marziani; Ed Tiernan attended for the Twp.

* Worington Barn conversion - Parcel 54 - 8 - 28, page 164 Acres of Quakers. Jonathan Sweet presented a request for a window revision on the third floor of this barn conversion. The revision was granted.

* Tim Caban, District 9 municipal liaison with the Chester County Historic Preservation Network, introduced himself to us. He is our liaison to Karen Marshall and the CCHPN.

* *Possible new historic resource candidates under the new definition of a historic structure in Willistown:*

Radnor Hunt: it was decided that one commission member will make opening overtures to people at Radnor Hunt, and eventually the three commission members who are also members of Radnor Hunt will attend a board meeting to propose the idea of the Radnor Hunt becoming an historic district unto itself and or thereby listing the Property on the National Registry for Historic Places.

8085 Goshen Road: Mimi and Terry wrote a letter to the owner, who lives out of state, requesting an opportunity to visit the site to determine its historic potential.

Nike Missile Site: We received new information, since the site visit, that there are existing bomb shelters on the site, perhaps the officer's quarters. In light of this information, the commission recommends that we add the Nike missile site to the Class 2 historic resource list for Willistown Township.

* Certified local government program: The commission decided we will ask Sally Slook, our new Township manager, to take the lead in the coordinating our approach to applying to become an "officially certified local government" within the certified local government program. It was suggested that several different commissions contribute members to become part of this township organization. It was noted that Willistown becoming a "certified local government" offers the opportunity to apply and receive state funding for various historic preservation projects.

* Signage grant program: the commission decided to pass on these free signs and to recommend that the township continue the purchase of historical markers, as needed, in the same style already present in the Township.

* Possible new Commission member: Commission members met possible candidate Greg Prichard. If he applies to be a historic commission member, we all strongly support his appointment to the Historic Commission.

* 7043 Goshen Rd. Eric Hetzel with the WCT attended the meeting. This is a parcel that could be subdivided into several smaller lots, and the Delchester group purchased it hoping to sell it as a conservation property with only one house. Warren Claytor, architect, toured the house and outbuildings as an architectural consultant. He reports that it was built in the 1950s. As a commission we state that *"The buildings on 7043 Goshen Rd and also identified as parcel number 54-6-87 is not a historic house, nor are there any historic structures on this parcel.* (On page 244 in acres of Quakers, there's an entry for this address that depicts an historic house, which is not the house at this address). It's our understanding that historic house maybe down the road on the Gansky property. NOTE: The Commission does NOT recommend the removal of any Resources from the Twp List at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannette Lindvig

NOTE: Our next Commission Meeting WILL be held on Tuesday Sept. 3rd.