

**WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1 OF 2019

**AN ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO SECTION 139-162.C OF THE
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP CODE PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS
TO THE HISTORICAL RESOURCES INVENTORY OF
WILLISTOWN TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 139-160 of the Willistown Township Code, the Board of Supervisors has declared as a matter of public policy that the preservation and protection of buildings, structures and sites of historic, architectural, cultural, archeological, educational and aesthetic merit, e.g., historic resources, are public necessities and are in the interests of the health, prosperity and welfare of the citizens of Willistown Township, and

WHEREAS, the Township's Historic Resources Inventory is maintained at the Township building and recorded in the Township's Comprehensive Plan, *Guidelines for Growth*; and

WHEREAS, a structure located at 50 Grubb Road with Tax Parcel Number 54-3-8 is currently listed on the Township's Historical Resources Inventory, although the structure was severely damaged by fire in 2015 and subsequently demolished with approval of the Willistown Historical Commission; and

WHEREAS, placement on the Township's Historic Resources Inventory requires documentation to the level required in the Pennsylvania Historical Resource Survey Form; and

WHEREAS, documentation includes visual surveys augmented by historical research at the Recorder of Deeds, the Register of Wills, the Chester County Historical Society and other recognized sources of historical information; and

WHEREAS, the Willistown Township Board of Supervisors commissioned Jane E. Dorchester, Architectural Historian, Historic Preservation Consultant, to prepare a report entitled *John C. Bullitt House, Brief Property Research Report*, dated April 27, 2017 (the "Report"); and

WHEREAS, the Report notes that sometime c. 1899, the architectural firm of Furness and Evans was contracted to design a gardener's house and cow stable for John Christian Bullitt, author of the "Bullitt Bill" of 1885 which became Philadelphia's City Charter two years later; and

WHEREAS, the Report notes that the principals of the architectural firm of Furness and Evans were the noted Victorian Era Philadelphia architect, Frank Furness, and draughtsman, Alan Evans; and

WHEREAS, the Report identifies the residential structure at 45 Cobblestone Drive with Tax Parcel Number 54-1Q-296, as Bullitt's gardener's house and cow stable; and

WHEREAS, the Report identifies the residential structure located at 40 Cobblestone Drive with Tax Parcel Number 54-1Q-316, as the "John C. Bullitt House"; and

WHEREAS, the house appears to have been constructed in 1900 and, presumably, the gardener's cottage and stable were completed later the same year; and

WHEREAS, the Willistown Township Historical Commission recommends both the Bullitt House and the Gardener's Cottage for inclusion on the Willistown Township Historic Resources Inventory and classified as Class II Historic Resources.

BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY ENACTED by the Board of Supervisors of Willistown Township, Chester County, as follows:

Section 1. The dwelling formerly located at 50 Grubb Road with Tax Parcel Number 54-3-8 is deleted from the Willistown Township Historical Resources Inventory.

Section 2. The dwelling identified as the “John C. Bullitt House”, located at 40 Cobblestone Drive, with Tax Parcel Number 54-1Q-316, is added to the Willistown Township Historical Resources Inventory and classified as a Class II Historic Resource.

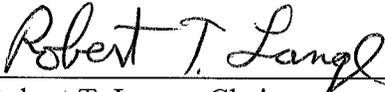
Section 3. The dwelling identified as John C. Bullitt’s Gardener’s Cottage, located at 45 Cobblestone Drive, with Tax Parcel Number 54-1Q-296, is added to the Willistown Township Historical Resources Inventory and classified as a Class II Historic Resource.

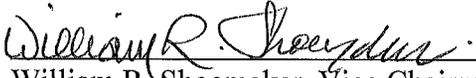
Section 4. This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

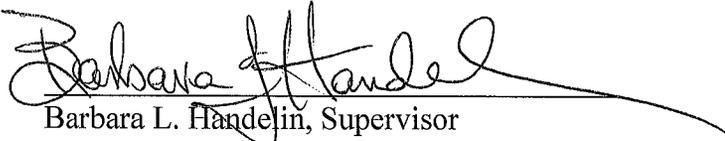
Section 3. The provisions of this ordinance are severable, and if any section, sentence clause, part, or provision shall be held illegal, invalid, or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision of such court shall not affect or impair the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, parts, or provisions of the ordinance. It is hereby declared to be the intent of the Board that the ordinance would have been adopted if such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional section, sentence clause, part or provision had not been included.

ENACTED and ORDAINED this 28th day of May, 2019.

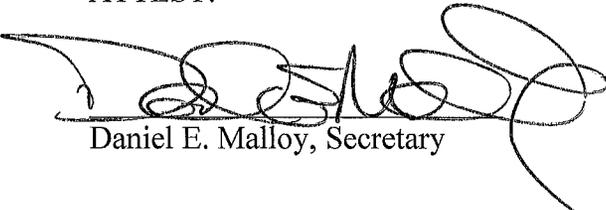
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