

Willistown Twp Historical Commission Meeting – February 2, 2020

In Attendance:

For Commission:

- *Terry Kile*
- *Bart Van Valkenburgh*
- *Warren Claytor*
- *Greg Prichard*
- *Marie Quinn Johnson*
- *Richard Mosback*
- *Alicia Marziani (Absent)*
- *Penny Alderson*
- *Dave Hopkins*

For Township:

- *Bob Smiley*
- *Ed Tiernan (Absent)*

For John Milner Architects & Spring Road Applicant:

- *John Milner*
- *Jim Douglas*
- *Christopher Miller*
- *Christopher D'Angelo*
- *Robert Carrato*
- *Donna Carrato*

For Warren Claytor Architects & Barr Road Application

- *Patrick McDonough*
- *Robyn Jameson*
- *Nathan Jameson*

I. 231 Spring Road – Parcel 54-3-188, AofQ page 431– A demolition plan and preliminary elevations for a new addition were presented by John Miller Architects. The Commission recommends approval to remove all portions of this structure except the original 1786 portion as submitted and also the removal of the stucco finish that was added to the original stone facing. The applicant stated that the 1830 addition was significantly compromised by previous demolition work and the original 1830 facade is no longer evident. The Commission also recognizes the comment that existing details were scheduled for removal that could have been considered historic and character defining elements. The Commission made several recommendations concerning this approval. The Contactor needs to take special care to protect the Historical Resource portions during demolition. During site demolition the applicant should also provide for monitoring excavation for any historic artifacts. Documentation should be provided for the existing conditions that are scheduled for demolition. The Commission recommends that any historic salvageable items be reused as appropriate. The applicant does not need to reappear before the Commission unless the applicant makes changes to the preliminary drawings as submitted.

II. 8 Barr Road – Parcel 54-7-10.2 – AofQ page 357 – Preliminary Plan application was presented by Warren Claytor Architect. The Commission recommends approval of the preliminary plans as submitted. The Commission also recommends that documentation be provided for the structure components and details for plans scheduled for removal. Discussions included the request to interface these existing details into the new design and objection of removal of a significant character-defining feature prominent on two facades. The applicant does not need to reappear before the Commission unless the applicant makes changes to the preliminary drawings as presented.

III. Section 106 - 912 Delchester & Goshen Roads -Forty-foot-tall antenna. Section 106 package submitted by Alexis Sims with EBI Consulting requesting comments. The commission has two comments for this tower request. The Commission plans to bring to the Consultant's attention the dangerous conditions at this intersection and also the visual distraction the antenna would bring to the adjacent historic barn. Terry will report these comments to EBI Consulting and the Township.

IV. New Township Resource Candidates.

A) Radnor Hunt - Parcels 54-6-56, -56. 1 and -57 – Warren provided an update for Radnor Hunt 1883 Preservation Committee. Greg & Warren have shared key information with Radnor Hunt for any regulation concerns associated with a resource being listed on the National Registry. The Radnor Foundation now has this information under review.

B) Nike Battery Site Parcel 54-8-18.1E and 54-8-19.3 – WHC anticipates requesting a site visit with the Dept. of Army after the pandemic.

C) Greentree District – Bart & Greg now plan to survey the Greentree Area including 3 Duffryn Ave. Parcel 54-1P-42, George Barber, architect for possible additional Historic Candidates in this area.

V. Certified Local Government (CLG) - Bart, Greg & Bob Smiley – Bart & Greg transmitted proposed changes to the Twp Historic Preservation Code. These recommendations are currently under review by Cory Kegerise with the PA State Historic Preservation Office. Commission Members are requested to complete final review of these documents for our next meeting.

VI. Willistown Twp. Bus Tour - WHC recommends that the anticipated Bus Tour event original scheduled for July 2021 be postponed again due to continued pandemic and now be planned for the Summer of 2022 as a live Bus Tour Event.

VII. CCHPN Spring Workshop – March 6, 2021 – Commission members are encouraged to attend this online event.

VIII. Chester Co. Historic Preservation Leadership Meeting – April 10, 2021 - Terry plans to attend and represent the WHC.

IX. Stone Walls, Antique Barn & Heritage Tree Protection –WHC understands that our recommendations for these topics are still under consideration for the Twp New Comprehensive Plan under process.

X. Commission Membership - New member Dave Hopkins was welcomed to the Commission. Alicia Marziani how has decided to rejoin the Commission and was nominated to serve as Secretary of the Commission.

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 2, 2021