

Willistown Township Historical Commission Meeting August 3, 2021

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM by Terry Kile, Chairman with the Pledge Of Allegiance To The Flag. In attendance: Terry Kile, Chairman, Richard Mosback, Greg Prichard, Marie Quinn-Johnson, Bart Van Valkenburgh, Bob Smiley and John Gaadt.

John Gaadt spoke about the municipal township code requires that the comprehensive township plan be updated every ten years. The last update was in 2011. He is asking for updates to resources, trees, walls etc. Appendix I, IV, Map 5 and chapter 3.2. Suggested updates are wanted for Chapter 3,4, and 7 for goals and tasks over the next. 10 years. We must learn if there is new code language, revisions to inventory and language to use in ordinances.

The Planning Commission will have drafts out by fall.

Bart mentioned that Chapter 3.2 and 4.1 need to be updated. He said that Anthony Wayne was not surprised by the attack by the British at the Paoli Massacre. The county has updated the battle maps and Willistown, East Whiteland and Tredyffrin are working on their updates.

Appendix IV – Bart made a spreadsheet with inventory. We are responsible for the keeping our inventory list updated. Post 1883 buildings should be on the resource list. Bart made a spreadsheet for Sugartown with 16 properties that should be on the list. According to Martha Wolfe some of the buildings are gone from Sugartown. Terry Kile pointed out that another difficulty is that sub-divided property can change the location of the resource. We have no state historic resources and the Historic Registry is not accurate. It was suggested that the historic map should show resources with numbers and a corresponding list. Bart made a cross referenced spreadsheet. Greg pointed out that the outlines in Historic District Overlay don't match the National Registry. Bart will send his latest version spreadsheet to John Gaadt.

Terry said our ordinance will likely be re-written as it's unable to be certified for CLG.

The state is working on a template ordinance.

Appendix I – 1,3,26,and 29 are all destroyed, damaged or removed.

Historic District should include the resources and non-participating parcels too.

Aspirations can be added to Chapter 7.

New Candidates – Terry is working with Edgemont Township on the Nike site.

Radnor Hunt is ongoing

Greentree District is ongoing.

It was suggested that Bart, Greg and Bob meet with Cory Kegerise for advice. Our local ordinance must match the state. Greg will prepare a draft on language to revise.

The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be September 7, 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted by Marie Quinn-Johnson.