

Willistown Historic Commission Meeting Minutes Sept 7, 2021

In Attendance: Terry Kile, Bob Smiley, Greg Prichard, Bart Van Valkenburgh,

Warren Claytor @7:30; Bart offered to do the minutes.

7:00 The meeting was called to order and The Pledge of Allegiance

1. Glenn and Patricia Beaver presented their plans for a garage on their property 8055 Goshen Rd. The commission felt the garage would not involve or encroach on the historic farmhouse and approved the plan and location without a quorum vote..
2. John Shive of Crown Castle Communication presented the final plan for the revised location for the Cell “tower” to be located on the south side of Goshen Rd 120 feet west of Delchester Rd. The Commission met with these cell providers in the field in the spring of 2021 and understood the previous location would encroach on historic view and pose a danger for automobile traffic. The new location was approved without a quorum vote.
3. Terry spoke of the positive relationship between the 1882 Foundation of Radnor Hunt and the WHC. The Foundation is very supportive of the historic buildings at Radnor Hunt.
4. The Nike site is still an open item
5. Greentree project: Bart told of visiting the real estate open house at 10 Arlington Rd the Gideon Ruth House Pg. 649-650 AoQ and discussion the significance of the building and pump house with the agent. The agent asked if she could consult with the WHC on any other historic properties in the township and was told yes.
6. Certified Local Government. Bart stated no contact with Cory Kegerise on the requirements to become CLG. Terry stated we need to initiate the contact and asked Bart to do this.
7. Terry tabled the leadership for the WHC as he is planning to step down as chairman in 2022. We talked of reorganizing the board and finding additional board members; candidates would need to be passionate about historic properties and Willistown history.
8. The members discussed the current Historic Code and definitions and various architectural aspects of a building. The topic of demolition, renovation and restoration and their differences relation to the Code was discussed. Almost all of the members felt a guideline on architectural principles would be a help in decision making
9. The flooding of early September and the impact on Willistown’s historic inventory was brought up by Terry relating to a supportive email from Heather Reifer of Historic Sugartown. Heather stated there are resources in the County for aid and support if needed.
10. The meeting was adjourned approximately 8:35