

Willistown Township Historic Commission

Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022 7:00PM

Township Building 688 Sugartown Road Malvern, PA 19355

The meeting was called to order at 7:00PM with the Pledge of Allegiance by Chairman, Bart VanValkenburgh. In attendance: Warren Claytor, Vice Chairman; Dave Hopkins; Rick Mosback, Marie (Mimi) Quinn-Johnson, secretary; Sharon Sukonick and Bart VanValkenburgh, Chairman and Bob Smiley, Director of Planning and Zoning. Absent: Greg Prichard and Jody Vandegrift.

New Business: The first order of business was a Presentation from Ashley Hickman of EB Walsh Civil Engineers in Exton, PA on soil erosion and grading plans at Willistown Knoll in proximity of the Cox House. There is run-off from impervious surfaces that are too close to houses, the grade is very steep and swales are not well defined. There is a need to redirect to existing inlet. Bart asked if any potential issues. Ashley said no, grade water away. Warren and Bob S suggested a rain garden to slow the erosion and slow the water speed. Rain garden would have native plants to capture and hold water to let it percolate in the ground. The plants need to be able to handle water. They recommended this to protect the HOA from liability. The township engineer will opine on rain gardens, the Planning Commission will recommend the rain garden. The Historic Commission supports Willistown Knoll HOA's efforts and recommends 2 rain gardens.

New members Sharon Sukonick and Jody Vandegrift were welcomed to the Commission.

Willistown Township Tour Update – Bart described the tour, there will be a display with hounds and riders in the middle of the tour. Parking will be handled by The Boy Scouts. There will be three coaches that will make consecutive tours. Bart prepared a schedule which he will have roughed out by April. The script will be ready. The trolley will also be a feature as it played an important role in development of Willistown Township.

The tax numbers for the resources will be updated.

Old Business: CLG certified local government update – A new hire has been made for the central part of the state, an offer is to be presented for the eastern part of the state.

Greentree are research – Bart is working on it.

Comprehensive Plan – Bob S and Bart and John Gaadt are working on it.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned.

Next scheduled meeting is April 5, 2022 at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted by Marie Quinn-Johnson, Secretary