

Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes May 23, 2023

Attendees: Ed Johnston Chairman Newtown, Bart Van Valkenburgh Willistown, Derek Osner Newtown,

Also in attendance Bill Hagan Willistown Public Works Director and a Newtown PW employee

Absent Dan Litwin Newtown, Eric Gerst Willistown, George Sharretts Newtown Public Works Director

Public attending Cathy Cavlier NSHS

The meeting held remotely at the Bridge was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chairman Johnston

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bart Van Valkenburgh

The Minutes from the March 28, 2023, meeting was approved.

The combined Treasurers report was reviewed, and Bart VV mentioned the new version of the Treasurer's report separating the BBJPB business from the Construction / rehab project as agreed upon at the March meeting was not available for tonight's meeting. The board will follow up with George Sharretts on the status of the new version of the report.

Ed Johnston discussed in his Chairmans report the progress of the Bridge rehab project and that we are getting close to having the bidding process for construction started. Ed also noted the stabilization work and erosion control done on the west approach by Willistown Public Works.

Bill Hagan reported finding old growth log beams and wide boards in one of the Willistown township pole barns. Bill then stated the Chairman of the Willistown supervisors Bill Shoemaker approved the possible use of this material for the Bridge project if needed.

Cathy Cavalier representing the June 3rd, 2023, Newtown History Day event described what would be taking place at the Bridge. Cathy along with Ed Johnston talked of Plein air painting, Childrens model raft sailing in the creek and a table/photo display of Bartram Bridge historic photos, and the "Bartram Covered Bridge: Spanning History" book and Nick Santoleri prints of his bridge painting for sale.

Ed Johnston and Bart VV along with other NS Historic Society volunteers will be at the Bridge to answer questions and guide the June 3rd program.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Submitted by Bart Van Valkenburgh