

East Brandywine Historical Commission Meeting
January 12, 2022

Present: John Black, Jim Buczala, Sharon Buczala, Bob Renken, and Mark Myers

Also Present: Dr. Marion Spoto

Meeting opened at 7:05 pm; Adjourned at 7:44 pm

Minutes of previous month's meetings

The minutes for the December 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

Locust Knoll Farm, 1000 Horseshoe Pike (HR-78)

A Demolition Permit for partial demolition of the barn was submitted to the Township on 12/20/21 and was reviewed by the HC.

Summary of pertinent items in the Permit:

- A report from Riehl's Construction was included that summarizes the poor condition and undersized timbers and rafters of the barn.
- Photos were included to document the poor condition of the structure.
- Structures to remain:
 - Stone foundation walls of the barn
 - Milk shed
 - Silo
 - Cinderblock shop
- The new barn will be built on the existing foundation/footprint
Based on review of the architectural plans for the new barn, it will be made to appear substantially like the existing barn design.

John B. drafted a proposed report as a response from the Commission to the Zoning Officer regarding this application. The members discussed.

Motion: A motion was made by John B. and seconded by Jim B. to send the report to the Zoning Officer indicating that the Historical Commission recommends approval of the permit for the partial demolition of the barn. The motion passed. Mark M. abstained from the vote.

John B. will send to Lisa T. (to be put on Township letterhead and sent to Zoning Officer) in the next day or 2.

Croce Marker Historical Marker

Bob R. has sent updated Property Owner Permission Form to The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).

Jim B. has set flag for Road Master to install sign.

Dowlin House, 270 Arters Way (HR-45)

John B. has driven by and noted that the following has been done:

- Finish coat of stucco has been applied.

- Chimney fixed and stucco applied.
- Roof installation completed, front and back.

Currently there are no doors on the first floor or basement, wood covering first floor but basement opening still uncovered.

Speaker Series

- March 20 – “For the Union”, Malcom Johnstone will discuss his book
- April 24 – “Lenape in East Brandywine”, Barbara Blue Jay Michaelski
- May 15 – “Hinsonville Heroes - Black Civil War Soldiers of Chester County” by Dr. Cheryl Renee Gooch

Oral History Project/Community Outreach Sub-committee

Interview with Don Hanum completed and will be posted.

Planning Commission

- Weaver Tract – New Engineering firm, application for Final Land Development Plan approval will most likely be reviewed in March.
- Still waiting to hear results of Plank Tract Conditional Use hearing.

EB Township Updates

- Approval from Supervisors for RGA to start supplemental work on Bondsville Mill Historic District in response to questions from the PHMC regarding the application submitted to them last year.

Action Steps:

John B. – Send report to the Zoning Officer indicating that the Historical Commission recommends approval of the permit for partial demolition of the barn at Locust Knoll Farm.

Sharon B. – Facilitate renewal of membership for CCHC.

Jim B. – Contact CCHPN Technical Assistance re: outhouse at 11 Highspire Rd.

John B. – Facilitate post in MileMarker/email blast looking for new members.

John B. – Get more info about materials Guthrie family would like to have digitized.

Jim B. – Explore flexibility of density restrictions.

Jim B. – Contact owners of Diane Hammel Trust property re: HC site visit to the HR.

Jim B. – Photos to line drawings (post as coloring pages).

Sharon B. – Contact local schools and colleges re: student to do some research for HC.

Jim B., Francis T, Mark M. – Work with owner of 11 Highspire Rd. re: restoration of outhouse.

Sharon B. – continue to work on Archives

TBD – work on updating HR Survey