

East Brandywine Historical Commission Meeting  
June 8, 2022

**Present:** John Black, Jim Buczala, Sharon Buczala, Bob Renken

**Also Present:** Luke Reven

Meeting opened at 7:15 pm; Adjourned at 8:31 pm

**Review and approve minutes of previous month's meetings**

The minutes for the May 2022 meeting were approved as amended.

**Hopewell Church, 852 Hopewell Rd. (HR-41)**

Permit Application 2022-144 for partial demolition of the amphitheater.

- Current construction appears to be from the 1970's.
- Cinderblock construction sheathed with plywood.
- Input via email (Jim B., Sharon B., Mark M.) – consensus is that the stage is not a contributing factor.

Motion: The Historical Commission has reviewed the demolition permit application 2022-144 for partial demolition of the amphitheater stage and the members conclude that the structure does not meet any of the criteria to be considered a contributing historic resource on the property. Motion was passed unanimously.

- Becky Bennington was informed by John B. via phone that the building permit for the replacement structure will need to come before the Historical Commission. John B. will contact the Zoning officer re: demolition permit.

**Hadfield Road Bridge (HR-328)**

Members reviewed Draft of letter to be sent to Chester County and others regarding the bridge replacement:

- All exposed concrete to be covered with stone facing.
- John B. has some additional questions before sending the final draft.
- John B. should emphasize the Historical Commission members strongly prefer the steel superstructure with the vertical rib aesthetics.
- Make sure there is language that the planned materials cannot be altered or substituted.

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

No updates

### **Croce Marker Historical Marker**

- Jim B., Mark M., and Dianne Cram from CCHPN met at the property on 2/25 to assess the outhouse.
- Photos from 2006 and 2019 were compared.
- Marker dedication – Julie Pook is very open to having something in the Fall. She has said there has been a significant amount of attention to the property since the marker was installed.
- Jim B. will send an email to J. Pook introducing Bob R.
- Possible dates: 9/10 or 10/2
- Need to ask Carol to follow up with bus company

### **Dowlin House, 270 Arters Way (HR-45)**

John B. stopped by and nothing has changed since last month.

### **Speaker Series**

- 11/20 – Iron & Steel – Coatesville Steel Industry

### **Oral History Project/Community Outreach Sub-committee**

No update

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No update

### **Planning Commission**

- July 6 – Consultant presentation of comprehensive plan

### **EB Township Updates**

#### **Action Steps:**

John B. – Send conformation letter to county re: Hadfield Rd. Bridge

Mark M. – Talk to owner of 11 Highspire Rd. re: documenting roof of outhouse.

Sharon B. – Send members notes from last planned Croce Marker dedication ceremony.

Sharon B. – Contact sign makers to get prices for historic resource marker signs.

Jim B. – Explore flexibility of density restrictions.

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 regarding restoration of the outhouse.

Sharon B. – continue to work on Archives

TBD – work on updating HR Survey