

East Brandywine Historical Commission Meeting
July 13, 2022

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

Also Present: Luke Reven, Mario Spoto

Meeting opened at 7:09 pm; Adjourned at 8:34 pm

Review and approve minutes of previous month's meetings

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

MileMarker Article

Members discussed the map to be included with the article.

Hadfield Road Bridge (HR-328)

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

- S. Martin removed language under #6, confirmed bid proposal is for steel superstructure.
- Some concern that the language in the revised letter states that the wingwall caps will be concrete, rather than the original stone caps. S. Martin has confirmed the use of the existing stone caps or, if needed, replacement caps with real stone. Now reads... new concrete substructure that will be faced with real stone, and the approach stone faced wing walls will be topped with the existing or replicated cap stones.

Motion: A motion was made by John B. and seconded by Bob R. to approve the letter and send to the County. The motion was passed.

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

- Mark M. and D. Thal meetin with an engineer next week to discuss bracing stone walls of barn.
- Mark M. working on architectural drawings for main house.

Croce Marker Historical Marker

- Update from Bob R.
 - Spoke to J. Pook - she asked AJ to attend ceremony. Manager wanted a payment plus insurance rider. Can hold on either day.
 - Contacted Villa Nova, PHMC, family members
 - Date set for 9/10 @ 10 am
- Does anyone have a contact for Andy Dinimann?
- Porta Potty – Francis T. will poke around, put near barn

- Bus – Carol
- Event Brite – SB
- Refreshments: water and granola bars, breakfast biscuits
- Recycle can for water bottles?
- Luke - Sound system and microphone stand

Dowlin House, 270 Arters Way (HR-45)

John B. stopped by and has noted the following:

- Yard has been cleared of rubble and lumber.
- Landscaping improvements – grass has been planted and crushed stone put down for driveway.
- Still no doors but entries are boarded up.

Oral History Project

Luke R. has 15 permission slips, still needs pictures and transcripts to post. Need hard copy for archives.

Outreach Sub-committee

- Fall Harvest Festival
- Corrine Cadwell is a researcher – is interested in going through archives to organize.

Planning Commission

- Draft Comprehensive Plan presentation. Now in public comment period. Link on Township website. There are 7 deliverables re: Historical Commission.
- G. Wagman got preliminary plan approval in May and final is currently scheduled for the August meeting. Applicant should comply with Historical Commission recommendations. Responsible for barn ruins in perpetuity. Recommendation that barn ruins be lowered to 6 feet in height.

EB Township Updates

No interest in vacant position on HC. John B. will post again in MileMarker.

Action Steps:

John B. – Send confirmation letter to County re: Hadfield Rd. Bridge

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

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