

East Brandywine Historical Commission Meeting
September 14, 2022

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

Also Present: Luke Reven

Meeting opened at 7:08 pm; Adjourned at 8:46 pm

Review and approve minutes of previous month's meetings

The minutes for the August 2022 meeting were approved.

O'Neill Request for Removing HR-55 and HR-58 From HR Inventory

- Can they just opt out?
- Historical Commission has not denied anything home owners wanted to do – Commission has not created a hardship for the home owner.
- Removal from atlas will do nothing to alleviate their issues.
- Municipal planning code Section 609.1, paragraph A "A landowner who desires to challenge on substantive grounds the validity of a zoning ordinance or map or any provision thereof, which prohibits or restricts the use or development of land in which he has an interest may submit a curative amendment to the governing body with a written request that his challenge and proposed amendment be heard and decided as provided in Section 916.1
- Section 399-149D paragraph 1: Provides procedures for consideration of proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. These procedures include involvement of the Township and County Planning Commissions and may involve a fee for the hearing process
- Historical Commission needs to provide a recommendation on whether or not to amend the zoning map
- These 2 parcels meet standards set by Historical Commission
- Standards for inclusion set by an expert in the field.
- Properties have been on list since the late 1980's
- Jim B. to draft letter to Board of Supervisors

Motion: Members of the Historical Commission to draft letter of recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that HR 55 & 58 are to be retained on the HR map. JPB will draft the letter to share with Historical Commission members before sending to Board of Supervisors and with a copy to the O'Neill's and present to Board of Supervisors in future, if needed. The motion was passed.

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

- David Thal submitted drawings to replace screen porch with an addition that is 1 story, slightly expanded footprint.

- Manley (a family with an historical connection to the property) visited and gave him some info about the barn. Poured concrete wall to reinforce bank-side wall of barn. Mark M. will still recommend some bracing but will not need as much as originally thought.
- New windows in section of the barn that remains.

Croce Dedication

Over 120 attendees
Very successful event

Dowlin House, 270 Arters Way (HR-45)

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

Oral History Project

Four new oral history interviews have been posted on the Township website.

Speaker Series

Next event is Sunday 9/18 “Painting the Civil War”.

Outreach Sub-committee

- Minutes circulated to members.
- Fall Festival
 - Jim B. to email Mike Mize about table location, near Bondsville Mil and Township
 - John B. will borrow Mini easels will be borrowed from the Twp And bring a table
 - Jim B to provide line drawings of several of the Township’s historic resources for coloring pages.

Planning Commission

- Plank/McCausland – preliminary plan approved in August. Recommendation to approve with lots of conditions.
- A recommendation was given for final plan approval with the condition that outstanding issues be resolved prior to meeting with the Board of Supervisors.

EB Township Updates

- MileMarker at printer.
- Budget Request due 10/5 to Budget Committee.

Motion: Members of the Historical Commission to adopt a budget for the 2023 year that is essentially the same as the 2022 budget with all items related to Croce Marker and unveiling removed. The motion was passed.

Action Steps:

Jim B. – Coloring pages for Fall Festival.

Jim B. – Contact Mike Mize re: location of table for Fall Festival, near Bondsville and Township tables.

Sharon B. – Thank you note to Julie Pook.

Sharon B. – Interns for historical research – Coatesville School District Preservation program.

Jim B. – Explore flexibility of density restrictions.

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