

**EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
(ETHC)
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 8, 2022**

ETHC members in attendance: Palmer Dalesandro, Joyce DeYoung, Richard Di Stefano, Stacey Rohrbeck, Anna Sicalides, and Kathleen Weiss-via zoom starting at 8:30 PM

Also attending: Alex Bosco – Board of Supervisor (BOS) Liaison-via Zoom; Eugene Briggs – Township Staff Liaison

- **Meeting was called to order.**
- **April 13, 2022 minutes were approved.**
- **Receive Historic Waynesborough (HW) Update from Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks**

Kayla Anthony, via zoom, provided update. On June 2, 2022 a concert held by the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia took place at HW. Kayla also shared there will be an Independence Celebration on July 3.

Roof project: \$100k grant was awarded, which allows for the kick-off of the capital campaign. Total needed for project: \$397K.

Michelle Bradley of Friends of Historic Waynesborough also shared that the grants she is pursuing are in various stages but are proceeding.
- **Consideration of Zoning Permit Application to Demolish a Class 1 Historic Resource at 23 Knox Avenue**

This is a follow-up to the presentation Dave Ludin provided during our April 13 meeting, after we provided feedback and asked that he present a design more aligned with the spirit of Berwyn Village. Since that meeting, Dave worked with Hoffman Architects to recreate / replicate the Victorian elements of the original property, which he plans to demolish. Overall, the ETHC was pleased with what was presented. After considerable discussion, the only concern was the height of the building, which Dave will re-address with the architect.

Next step, after we receive a plan revised for height, is for ETHC is to make our recommendation to the Planning Commission.
- **Discussion on Status of Historical Commission 2022 Projects**
 - Training – Anna asked if we had access to and had read the training material she had forwarded to us. No one had read the Comprehensive Plan in its entirety. Anna asked that we continue to review these materials so as to be more prepared with the issues presented to us
 - Articles – Michelle Bradley has a draft article she will send to Anna and Stacey to review. The article needs to be sent to Gene by August 1 for

the fall hard-copy publication. However, if it is completed sooner it can be placed on the Easttown Township web site.

- Mapping Update – other than Joyce, no one has completed his/her assignments. Anna suggested a date of mid-August for completion
- Certified Local Government / Zoning – At the May 24 BOS meeting that Anna attended, BOS member Betsy Fadem requested a count of how many properties the new zoning affects in the Village of Berwyn, as well as how many properties are in the Village. Anna committed to getting back to her with an answer. Additionally, we discussed which architectural items we would want to include in permits. Palmer suggested we meet with Tom Comitta who could help the ETHC with design guidelines.

- **Other Business**

- Liaison Reports
 - Kathleen – there was no PC meeting this month so nothing to report
 - Anna attended the May 24 BOS meeting and received approval for funding for the Chester County Historic Preservation Network Picnic. She also learned at this meeting that there is a planned demolition of the township building – where we hold our monthly meetings, amongst its many uses – and this is a Class 1 structure
- Liaison Assignments
 - Joyce will be Kathleen's back-up for the PC meeting
 - Palmer will be Anna's back-up for the BOS meeting
 - We did not establish a regular attendee for the Zoning Meeting but were reminded as the ETHC we have no standing but could of course attend as residents
- Chester County Historic Preservation Network Picnic – Anna and Richard will be attending
- Resident Interaction – nothing to report
- Resident Research – Palmer is preparing a draft of how to research historical homes

- **New Business** – nothing to report

- **Public Comment**

- Mike Wacey, Berwyn resident, shared information he had received from a subject matter expert in terms of keeping the Village of Berwyn truly historic. He shared that it was important to get the public involved with articles; that we continue to work on this as a project over time; that there be some sort of “theme” associated with what we are trying to do; and that we consider using markers on properties of interest to share information with the general public and allow for pride by the owner of said property.

- Eugene Briggs added that we need to formalize projects for 2023 by July / August. He shared that we will get further support for our projects if we demonstrate that we have successfully obtained grants for project implementation and execution. Michelle Bradley shared that she would be able to point us in the right direction. 2 suggestions: Historical Marker Grants and grants supporting railroad history projects. Gene also confirmed that we still have one vacancy on the ETHC and that applications will be accepted through June 24. We would ideally be looking for someone with a history and / or architect background. Gene shared that the Eastown Citizen's Advisory Committee (ECAC) has in the recent past put out a call for a volunteer pool, and we may want to consider this resource for future openings.

MEETING ADJOURNED 8:57 PM ET. Next meeting: July 13 at 7:00 PM ET

Meeting minutes submitted by Stacey Rohrbeck, Secretary // 2022-06-08