

EASTTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
(ETHC)
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2022

ETHC members in attendance: Joyce DeYoung, Richard Di Stefano, Bill Friedrich, Stacey Rohrbeck, Anna Sicalides and Kathleen Weiss
Also attending: Alex Bosco – Board of Supervisor (BOS) Liaison; Eugene Briggs – Township Staff Liaison

- **Meeting was called to order.**
- **July 13, 2022 minutes were approved.** Motion accepted by Bill F and seconded by Richard D
- **Receive Historic Waynesborough (HW) Update from Philadelphia Society for the Preservation of Landmarks (PhilaLandmarks)**
Kayla Anthony of PhilaLandmarks shared that there are plans for replacing the garage door on the tenant house, established in 1963, on the property of HW. Will Forbes, resident of 27 East Central Ave in Paoli, and a member of the Pennsylvania Society of Sons of the Revolution, then proceeded with sharing the plans with the ETHC members. Various options were discussed but the conclusion was that two carriage doors would be used, with the left door being a dummy/static door and that the doors' colors would match the existing entrance door. Agreement was also made that when the Sons are done with renting this space for storage purposes that this should be converted into a functional garage. Bill F made the motion that we approve the Sons' request to change the door with left-side locked / right-side functional and that the doors be the same color as the entrance door. Stacey R seconded. ETHC approved with Richard D recusing himself from the vote. Additionally, Kayla A thanked the ETHC members for attending the July 4 event at HW.
- **Discussion on Status of Historical Commission 2022 Projects**
 - Liaison Reports
 - Board of Supervisors – Alex B shared the following from the 7/18/2022 meeting:
 - New appointment to ETHC approved
 - LED streetlight replacement project
 - Grant approved for Devon train station
 - Conveyance allowing for reimbursement for HW roof project
 - Planning Commission – Kathleen W shared the following from the most recent meeting
 - Lot line move affecting St. David's Church property

- Discussion about upcoming changes to Devereux property on Highland Ave. The ETHC, after much back and forth, decided we should review the property as there is a question as to whether or not it is a class one historical property. Bill F, Joyce D and Stacey R will do a site visit, take pictures, assess, and provide an updated survey form
 - Rezoning Village of Berwyn District. ETHC input is needed on this topic.
- Training – We pushed back the discussion on chapters 388-447 (note – 445 445 is our ETHC ordinance) but all committed to a final review at our September meeting
- Resident Interaction
 - Bill F and Anna S received ad hoc and not positive feedback regarding the new municipal building from neighbors on the property directly east of said property.
 - Anna S recently met with Rob Williams of the Tredyffrin Historical Commission
 - Bill F has recently interacted with two homeowners in the Village of Berwyn and shared that “we have opportunities to reach out to residents” and that a bottom-up, rather than top-down approach to protect / not restrict always works best
- Resident Research – tabled, as ETHC member Palmer Dalesandro was unable to attend this meeting and provide an update. In earlier meetings he had committed to completion by end of August
- Articles – Michelle Bradley’s article unfortunately did not make the latest “Everything Easttown” publication. Gene B shared the article would be included in the next upcoming version. Michelle B has one more article for the future publication, and after that we will submit the “Devon Inn” article authored by Joyce D. For other future articles we discussed doing a series about the businesses in Berwyn.
- Mapping Update – As of the meeting, Joyce D is the only one who has completed her assignments. She agreed to take the properties from Stacey R’s list that encompass the area south of Lancaster Avenue. All other ETHC members are partially completed with their assigned properties. Anna S asked that everyone be completed by end of August. Kathleen W and Stacey R committed to September. For Village of Berwyn, Anna S will divide and assign properties amongst the ETHC members.
- Certified Local Government / Zoning – at 7/27 special BOS meeting, ordinance was discussed. One more omnibus meeting to take place in September or October and then ordinance should be finalized and in place.
- New Township Building Update – Anna S and Kathleen W to do a walk-through / walk-around, both interior and exterior. ETHC is to provide Gene B with a list of items to be saved to give to the architect, so as to allow for proper planning. Gene B shared with us the deck from the architect, inclusive of historical photos and future draft design plans.

o **New Business – Discussion of 2023 Budget Items**

Gene B reminded us that the BOS should be on board with any of our anticipated expenditures and that he would like to know our budgeted items by August. Anna S requested that Gene B provide us with our ETHC budgets from 2020 and 2021 and he agreed to do so.

Anna S shared that Palmer D had an idea that each quarter we would hold some sort of public get-together, such as with residents, builders, business associations and other relevant stakeholders. In addition to this concept, Anna S reviewed those on her list. We discussed and made recommendations as follows:

- o Professional Survey of Historic Properties of Village of Berwyn. We all agreed this was a high priority. We need to reach out to Chester County to see if they are able to provide funds for this project.
- o Marker Program – This too was a priority; Bill will reach out to CCHPN on this
- o “Best Of” Awards – we decided this was not a priority and instead rolled into our “Everything Easttown” articles
- o Homeowners’ Picnic – not a priority but per Palmer D’s suggestion above may be interacting with these individuals at other events / venues
- o Historic Home Research – a priority, but again part of Palmer D’s suggestion above
- o Village of Berwyn Tours – an agreed-upon priority, as we want to ensure we continue to interact with the residents of this area
- o Money for Education of ETHC members – Joyce D will look into the possibility of a “group rate” for ETHC members to become members of the Tredyffrin Easttown Historical Society.

o **Public Comment – none**

MEETING ADJOURNED 9:13 PM ET. Next meeting: September 14 at 7:00 PM ET

Meeting minutes submitted by Stacey Rohrbeck, Secretary // 2022-08-10