



East Pikeland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes March 16, 2016

Attendees: Jim Garrison, Joanne Moser, Kris Jommersbach, Jon Gayl,
Bob Friebel, and Kehl Rothermel

Not in Attendance: Molly Ruzicka and Barbara Ray

Guests: Ron & Peg Hoinowski - Zion Lutheran Church
Stuart and Patricia Miller - Homeowners
Dennis Ray - Homeowner

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm. The meeting agenda was presented to the Commission members and the following issues were addressed:

GENERAL

- **Minutes** - The minutes from the February 17th meeting were presented and approved.
- **Chester County Historical Planning Network (CCHPN)** - The CCHPN Spring Workshop has been postponed until April 16th. An email will go out to all members asking if they plan on attending.
- **Bethlehem Historic Preservation Conference** - The South Bethlehem Historical Society will be hosting a conference on “*Historic Preservation: Respecting a Community’s Past While Planning Its Future*” on May 5th. An email will go out to all members asking if they plan on attending.
- **Ed Lyng Memorial Contributions** - Ms. Jommersbach reported that \$835 in donations in memory of Ed Lyng were received. Thank you notes have been sent out to all donors.
- **Grants** - The following is an update on the grants that were submitted for the Kimberton Village interpretive signage project.
 - *PECO Green Region* – The application was submitted on March 1st requesting \$10,000 for fabrication of the interpretive signs.
 - *PHMC Keystone Historic Preservation Grant* – The application was submitted on March 12th requesting \$11,750 for fabrication of the interpretive signs.
- **Historical Commission Manual** - Mr. Rothermel updated the members on the work that has been done on the new Historical Commission Procedural manual.

NEW

- **Historical Resource Property Addition** - Mr. Garrison informed members that the prospective owner of the Seven Stars property doesn't have any objections to adding the property to the historical resources listing. However since agreement of sale is not final, it was his recommendation that any work towards adding this to the listing be delayed under the new owner assumes ownership. After discussion, the Commission agreed with his recommendation.
- **Ron & Peg Hoinowski, Zion Lutheran Church/39 Bonnie Brae Road** - Mr. Hoinowski informed the Commission that the church would like to replace their steeple. The fiber glass steeple (circa 1970) is leaking at the base and has numerous cracks throughout the structure. The church would like to replace this structure with the Moravian Trumpet Tower design of the original circa 1861 steeple. The new steeple will include electrical access for possible future spotlights. In addition to the new structure the adjoining roof will be repaired. The church hopes to begin work this spring. The project is expected to take 6 weeks to complete. After review and discussion, the Commission voted to approve the request.
- **Stuart & Patricia Miller/26 Ridge Road** - The homeowners came before the Commission to present their plans to restore their home. They have removed large portions of the existing stucco on the home to reveal the stone underneath which will be repointed with an appropriate mortar mix. The porch roof will be replaced with red standing seam metal that will be an in-kind match to the main house metal roof which has been repaired. The homeowners plan to replace damaged exterior trim with a Boral Tru exterior composite material which will be painted. The vinyl siding is also being removed and replaced with a Boral shiplap composite siding with a similar exposure. Most of the original windows had been replaced with vinyl units in the past, and the owners plan to replace damaged units in-kind and some of the remaining damaged wood units. Even though some of the previously replaced units did not have exterior grilles to simulate a 6 lite sash, the Historical Commission directed the owner to have those grilles supplied with any new sash and retrofit to the other windows on the street façade and stone gable end façade. If this is not possible, the owner must provide evidence to the zoning officer that a retrofit cannot be supplied. After review and discussion, the Commission voted to conditionally approve the request.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.
The next meeting will be April 20th at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jommersbach
Secretary – Historical Commission