



East Pikeland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes November 19, 2014

Attendees: Jim Garrison, Kris Jommersbach, Jamie Defelice, Jon Gayl, Joanne Moser, Bob Friebel, and Molly Ruzicka

Guests: Bill and Pam Latta – homeowners, Bob Latta – contractor
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 October 15th meeting was presented and approved.
- **Historical Resource Ordinance** - Mr. Garrison reported that the Ordinance is in the final stages of approval. *Update: Ms. Moretti indicated that the ordinance has been sent to the Chester County Planning Commission for their final review. They have 30 days to review and comment. Once they have signed off on the document the ordinance needs to be advertised two weeks prior to being presented at the Board of Supervisor monthly meeting. She indicated that if all goes well, the Ordinance will be presented at the February 2015 Board of Supervisors meeting.*
- **Continental Powderworks National Registration** – Mr. Garrison informed the Commission that the John Milner & Associates is making the corrections suggested by the state on the national registration application for the Continental Powderworks. The goal is to have the application ready for recommendation of approval at the February, 2015 PHMC meeting after which the National Park Service will make the final determination.
- **Snyder's Mill** – The Township asked the Commission members for their input how they would like to see the Snyder's Mill structure and site developed. As much discussion the Commission agreed that once the structure's roof, windows, and doors were added, making the shell secure, the facility could be used as a passive exhibit space that would educate visitors on the Continental Powderworks. A majority of the members were opposed to having the structure house restroom facilities as that use would occupy most of the interior volume.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Bill & Pam Latta, 515 Church Road** – The homeowners are currently working on an addition on their circa 1798 home. The one story 200 square foot addition will feature a 100 square foot wing on either side of the existing kitchen and bathroom. The windows, stonework, roofing, and trim will match the existing house. The original footprint of the house will have a small change in areas not immediately visible from the road as some former open porch space is now being enclosed. After discussion, the Commission members voted to approve the additions and alterations. The Commission expressed concern that the application had not been sent earlier by the Zoning official. The owners had not ignored any directive to do so themselves.
- **Dennis Ray, 295 West Seven Stars Road** - The homeowner came before the Commission to inform the members of his plans to remove the damaged plaster on the side of his home. The plaster, a combination of lime plaster and Portland cement, has been badly damaged by water infiltration. Once the plaster has been removed, the homeowner will decide whether to repoint the stone or re-plaster. He plans to come back and advise the Commission of his plans next spring.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.
The next meeting is **December 17th at 7:00pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jommersbach