



West Pikeland Township

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1645 Art School Road
Chester Springs, Pennsylvania
Minutes

Historical Commission and Historic Architectural Board (HARB) Meeting
August 14, 2024, 6:00PM

Historic Commission Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM

Attending: Mark Ashton (Historic Commission Chair), Peter Moran, Frank Best, John Grablewski, Tom Williams, Rhonda Marks, and Joe Romano (Township Manager)

Announcement: Mr. McGovern who has resigned having moved out of the township. Brian Lacey, a resident of Yellow Springs Road attended with interest in taking Mr. McGovern's seat.

Ashton proposed re-order of agenda per his email to the commission. Unopposed.

Williams moved to approve 5/8/24 minutes. Marks seconded. Unanimous.

Presentation from Matthew Adams, owner with his spouse of 1026 Lower Pine Creek seeking to raze a 95 year old stone home located 800 feet north of Pine Creek Road west of 401 and East of Horseshoe Trail. Photos presented showing that home had been unoccupied for what appears decades and surrounding vegetation has enclosed and grown through the residential structure. Records submitted showing carrier will not insure the home. Mr. Adams stated he intends to demolish the structure, store the stone while developing a plan for a new structure. Home is not visible from any thoroughfare in the area. Mr. Williams asked about discussions with Natural Lands Trust which holds conservation easement for roughly 16 of the 18 acres. NLT has been to the property since Adams acquired it and given recommendations related to the invasive plants in its conservation easement.

Mr. Williams moved to approve the request to the extent the Commission has jurisdiction. Mr. Moran seconded. Unanimous.

Presentation from Ellen Giacomis and Suzanne Silver who are two of the three appointees (with Cathy Grady) to manage celebration of 250th anniversary of American independence for West Pikeland Township. Seeking advice about interaction and supervision by Historic Commission. They have coordinated with countywide effort to orchestrate an effective celebration. Mr. Grablewski offered to be primary contact. Mr. Ashton and Ms. Marks offered to be alternates. Discussion encompassed buildings that dated to 1776-1778 including Historic Yellow Springs, Ker-Feal, Anselma, Arkadia and Rice property on Clover Mill.

Mr. Lacey was asked if he wished to join the Commission. He answered affirmatively.

8:05 Adjourned