



West Vincent Township Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes for July 12, 2023

Commission Members in Attendance: Bob Wise, Chair, Kate Farnham, Vice Chair, Peter Benton (by phone), Karl Brachwitz. Absent: Thomaseth Dulchinos, Secretary

Township Supervisors in Attendance: Bernie Couris (BoS Liaison), Sara Shick, Dana Alan

Call to Order: Meeting called to order 7:05 pm

Approval of Minutes: May 10, 2023 Minutes (No June Meeting): Motion of Approval with changes put forth by Peter Benton, Kate Farnham seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Applications: There were no applications.

Old Business:

1. Opalanie Park: Peter Benton discussed the interpretive panels making sure all was sent or available on Dropbox. Sara Shick mentioned that township staff sent panels to Jacqui Guenther (Twp. Manager). Dana Alan met with Graphic Designer discussing the possibility of reducing the number of signs and adding QR codes to access additional information; she will let us know of results and Peter will reach out to her. Meanwhile the locations around the oval and near main entrance will be reviewed.
2. Threatened Properties Update: It was decided that Bob Wise would reach out to Tracey Franey to discuss procedure for informing property owners if the HC or Township feels their property is being threatened. Also Peter suggested Bob and he should discuss procedure with Jacqui Guenther.
3. Township Barn: Benie Couris discussed the vicinity of the barn may be the location of a cell tower, which he said is needed due to spotty service (in answer to Kate Farnham's question of need). Option: Two locations are being considered instead of one large one at barn. It was suggested to keep on top of this issue with Jacqui. No further update on reuse of the barn.
4. SR 1030 Birchrun Road Bridge (Letter update): No update but it was agreed that we would follow up with Jacqui and get this moving.
5. Birchrunville Café: It was agreed to discuss this with Jacqui and get the construction documents.
6. Proposed Ordinance Change (5/9/23 memo from J Granger): Kate asked if it could be removed from consideration. Sara said the change is based on demo-by-neglect complaints from applicants. It was agreed Bob would inquire status with Jacqui.
7. Ordinance Revisions: Peter recommended a Policy Document to tackle some of the issues discussed above as opposed to changing the zoning language.



New Business:

1. CCHPN Awards Dinner: Bob. discussed the June Chester Co. Historic Preservation Network Dinner (he and Sara attended).

Reports:

1. Assignments as Committee Liaisons: TD – BoS; KF – PC; RW – OSC: No Reports
2. HRC Report: Cindy Clark discussed ongoing article touching on aspects of WVT’s history which was meant with much approval. Thank you Cindy. Also volunteers are needed for Oct 21 at Opalanie Park.

Business from Floor: None

Adjournment:

Meeting ends at 7:55 upon motion and seconded by HC members.

Respectfully submitted by Robert Wise, September 13, 2023

