

West Vincent Township Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes for May 8, 2024

Commission Members in Attendance: Bob Wise, Peter Benton, Karl Brachwitz, Suzanne Bender.

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Bender motioned approval of the April 10 minutes, Mr. Benton Seconded. Carried unanimously.

Applications: None pending.

Old Business: There were brief, informal discussions regarding any changes in the status of previously discussed threatened properties.

There was discussion about 1245 Schoolhouse Rd. The Liptons have not made application for demolition, but they are expected to. Members suggested that perhaps the Liptons could “mothball” the original part of the dwelling for future use. For example, an accessory dwelling. It was noted that this would likely necessitate an application to the Zoning Hearing Board as there is already an accessory dwelling on the property.

There was a discussion of memberships in Preservation Pennsylvania, Chester County Historic Preservation Network, and the National Association of Historical Commissions. The chair was unanimously authorized to join those groups.

New Business: Lou and Philippa Elefante of 2351 Miller Rd. were in to informally discuss their idea of reconstructing a barn on their property. Generalities of exploring the existing foundation ruin and how to interpret the findings were discussed as well as letting them know that HC members would be willing to help them with this. No formal action was needed or taken.

There was informal discussion/update regarding the sescentennial celebration of the American Revolution. Essentially there are no established plans at this point. How and where WV could participate was discussed. Perhaps the cemetery at Vincent Baptist would be appropriate as there are believed to be remains there of Revolutionary soldiers.

Adjournment: 8:35 PM

Submitted by Karl Brachwitz