

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 12, 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Joshua Anderson, Roberta Eckman, John Kabli, Frank King, Jonathan Martin, Gail McCahon, Joseph McCormick, Matthew Morley, and Brad Roeder

TOWNSHIP STAFF: Justin Smiley, Township Planner
Phil Yocum, Historic Consultant, Commonwealth Heritage Group

Brad Roeder, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. and recognized a quorum

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Old Business

There was no Old Business.

III. New Business

A. Applicant: Kevin and Amy Fowler
Historic Site: Sites 150, Class I
Site Address: 501 W. Boot Road
Request: Recommendation for approval of a permit to replace existing wood shingle roof with architectural shingles

Amy Fowler presented pictures of the roof and house and described the condition of the roof. She displayed samples of the roof shingles proposed for use. She described other exterior changes she and her husband wished to make and asked for guidance.

Member discussion followed. Suggestions were offered on preferred methods and materials for rehabilitation of her historic property. It was explained that each permit for exterior changes would need to be reviewed by the Historical Commission before the permit could be issued.

Motion: Finding that the roof replacement would not adversely affect the historic property, a recommendation was made to approve the permit. (Morley/Anderson)

Vote: Approved 9/0

IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of January 31, 2018

Vote: Approved 8-0-1 (Anderson/McCahon) Jonathan Martin abstained as he had not been in attendance at the meeting.

V. Historical Commission Concerns

A. Malvern Federal Savings Bank, Historic Site 302

Karen Marshall, Chester County Historic Preservation Coordinator, spoke to the Commission about the classification of the Malvern Federal Savings Bank. She described the results of her inquiries at the state and federal levels. She suggested the Township move to properly classify the building as a Class 1 Eligible site and impress upon the applicant the importance of recognizing its designation and proceeding with development under the applicable guidelines. She explained some of the possible difficulties that might

impact the future use of the property if it was not reviewed as a Class 1. She suggested a list of questions be developed and sent to her from John Weller, the Planning and Zoning Director. She would then ask for official state and federal clarification and guidance.

Bobbie Eckman explained that she had found a second property improperly classified. As a result of the Exton Bypass Historic Impact Study completed in 1984, Historic Site #206 was reclassified as a Class 1 Eligible site, but the official Township Historic Resource Map had not been updated. She presented a February 12, 2018, Memorandum requesting the Board of Supervisors to update the classifications of sites 206 and 302 to Class 1 Eligible.

Member discussion followed.

Motion: To approve the Memorandum of February 12, 2018, requesting reclassification of Historic Sites 206 and 302 as Class I Eligible sites

Vote: Approved 8-1 (Roeder/Eckman)

C. Township Update

Justin Smiley explained recent efforts made toward obtaining a County Vision Partnership Grant to assist with funding for revision of the Historic Resources listings and the history of West Whiteland text.

Phil Yocum said he was continuing to work on the proposed scope of work. He explained problems that might occur if archaeological sites were included in the inventory. Brad Roeder suggested such sites not be included in the scope of work.

D. Development of questions regarding Commissioner responsibilities

Mimi Gleason had requested Members to consider concerns regarding their responsibilities as commissioners.

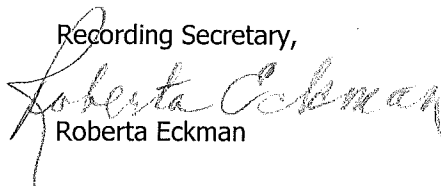
Member discussion followed and a list of questions were proposed. Bobbie Eckman would send the list to Ms. Gleason.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: To adjourn at 9:45 P.M. (Roeder/Kabli)

Vote: Approved 9-0

Recording Secretary,


Roberta Eckman