

**WEST WHITELAND TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
May 14, 2018**

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

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

GUEST: Theresa Santalucia, Chair, Board of Supervisors

6:30 Work Session

Mimi Gleason, Township Manager, spoke to the Commission about their roles and responsibilities as Commission Members. She said the Commission was advisory. The Board of Supervisors made decisions. Members needed to follow procedures set forth in the Article XVI in the Township Ordinance and the spirit of the law as set forth in Section 325-81.

Member discussion followed.

Brad Roeder, Chair, called the Meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. and recognized a quorum

I. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

II. Old Business

A. Applicant: West Whiteland Inn
Historic Sites: Sites 226/227, Class I, Registered, Inn and Stable
Site Address; 609 W. Lincoln Hwy.
Request: Recommendation for approval of conditional use application to approve the stable for use as a business rental

Mr. Roeder recused himself from consideration of the request.

Justin Smiley explained Ms. McVickar request.

Ms. McVickar described the reason for her request. She said no changes would be made to the exterior.

Discussion followed.

Motion: Finding the project would have no effect on the historic site, a recommendation was made to approve the conditional use application for use of the stable as a business rental

Vote: Approved 7-0-1 (John Kabli/Jonathan Martin) Mr. Roeder abstained

B. Applicant: Bentley Homes – Lochiel Farm
Historic Sites: Site 341, Class I, Listed, Main House
Site 339, Class II, Tenant House
Site Address: 740 Livingston Lane
Request: Recommendation for approval of a land development plan

Thomas Bentley introduced himself as principal with the firm, and Scott Emerson as project manager. Mr. Emerson addressed the treatment anticipated for the 2 historic structures on the property. He said the tenant house would be moved. Both houses would be stabilized and maintained.

Mr. Smiley reminded Mr. Bentley and Mr. Emerson of the Decision and Order signed by the Board of Supervisors on October 25, 2017.

Mr. Bentley said he would reconsider treatment based on the Decision and Order. He assured the Commission he was committed to appropriate treatment of the historic structures and explained he would go to considerable expense to move the tenant house. He said the houses would be separate units from the Homeowners Association. He described some of the efforts he had made to provide additional landscaping and trails through the development.

Phil Yocum commented on the proposal. He reminded the representatives that it had been agreed that garages for the homes would be detached and that each structure would constitute a single family home.

Mr. Bentley said he would be willing to work to provide an architecturally interesting garage structure to the historic structures.

Brad Roeder thanked the group for being willing to save the historic structures, including relocating the smaller house. The Commission Members looked forward to further review when the group moves forward with their plans.

Discussion followed.

Motion: To recommend approval of the conditional use application providing conditions of the October 25, 2017 Decision and Order, allowing relocation of the tenant house and maintenance of both, were satisfied

Vote: Approved 8-0 (Kabli/McCormick)

IV. Approval of the Meeting Minutes

Motion: To approve the minutes of April 9, 2018

Vote: Approved 6-0 (Kabli/Anderson)

V. Approval of the Treasurers Report

Motion: To approve the Treasurers Report of April 30, 2018

Vote: Approved 6-0 (McCormick/Eckman)

VI. Historical Commission Concerns

A. Township Update

Justin Smiley said representatives of Malvern Federal had requested a meeting of interested parties on Thursday, May 10, at 3 PM in the Township Building. Members were invited to attend.

B. Scope of Work

Justin Smiley explained that decisions needed to be made about the scope of work and funding for the revision of the historic survey since time limits were imposed for the grant application process. He suggested that the Commission prioritize aspects of the project.

Phil Yocum provided details about the likely work a consultant group would perform. He also addressed possible involvement of the Commission.

Discussion followed.

Motion: **Submit the entire Scope of Work, clearly stating that Phase IA was the priority, with the funding request as follows:**

- **Vision Partnership Grant for \$30, 000**
- **\$2,000 contributed from Fund 16**
- **\$8,000 requested from Township funds**

Vote: **Approved 8-0 (Morley/Kabli)**

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: **To adjourn at 9:00 P.M.**

Vote: **Approved 8-0 (Morley/Kabli)**

Recording Secretary,


Roberta Eckman