

May 27, 2008 – Wallace Township Historical Commission Minutes

The meeting was held at the Wallace Township Building, and opened by Chairman Jennifer Harkins at 7:10 PM. In attendance were Stephanie Grunwell-Vice Chairman, Bill Brewster, Isabelle Blank, Sandy Brannan, Elaine McGrew, Janet Grashof, Beverly Bock, Bonnie Radford. Guests were Albert Greenfield of Valhalla Brandywine, Bob Wise and Seth Hinshaw of Wise Preservation Planning, Skip McGrew from the Planning Commission, and Norm Glass, local preservation builder.

Bob Wise and Seth Hinshaw presented a report on historic resources within 500 feet surrounding the Valhalla Development. They presented copies of the Impact Analysis on 21 historic properties, response to Jane Davidson's Observations, and discussed other concerns. (Report included.) Skip talked about Adaptive Reuse Ordinances in Article X of the Wallace Township ordinances and Conditional Use hearings.

It was announced by Sandy that all our files, artifacts, pictures will be moved to the Township Building on June 2. Helpers should arrive at May 30th to pack up files and at 9AM on June 2nd to help load them. Also helping will be Ed Smith and Dwayne Harmond of the township maintenance crew.

The April minutes were approved as amended. Stephanie made the motion and Bonnie seconded, and unanimously passed.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter from the National Trust notifying us we did not get included in the America's 11 Most Endangered Historic Places.

Brochure from Pennsylvania Historic Preservation, Awards for 2008 nomination application. Light Impressions – Late Spring 2008

SUPERVISORS MEETING

A Historical Commission letter composed by Jennifer was read to the supervisors by Jennifer. She discussed our actions concerning the Indiantown Schoolhouse. We have followed the supervisor's advice to obtain three estimates for repairing the roof and removing the bell tower. She had submitted these reports before the meeting but did not read them. We discussed the further actions we are taking, such as letters to local representatives, mentioning our submittal for 11 Most Endangered Historic Places. Bill Moore said there is consideration about using part of the schoolhouse for a new police station.

Bryan is our point person on this new plan for the schoolhouse, but he has assigned John Miller and Harold Zisserman as liaisons between us and the Board of Supervisors. They also plan to hire a structural engineer to check the building for structural integrity. A motion was passed that township professional consultants put specs together for refurbishing the school house.

The township is going forward with creating its own police force, planning to use the schoolhouse for the police station/office. The plan is to take out a loan for the refurbishment of the building as well as the new police organization.

PLANNING COMMISSION

No report

PERMANENT COLLECTION

Several Daily Local newspapers articles. May 26-Bill Moore replacing Bob Bock as supervisor, May 11-Greenfield working with township on his Valhalla development, May 23-Residents concerned over Valhalla development, Feb 26-Hankin Group asks supervisors to choose a alternate counsel to discuss future issues with their development, May 6-Bob Bock's resignation as supervisor, April 7-Township supervisors want to change police. Philadelphia Inquirer May 23-Article on Governor Rendell naming state bridges on list for repair, two on Springton Road over Indian Run Creek.

ORAL HISTORY

Isabelle talked to Vivian Piersol about a possible interview.

OLD BUSINESS

Elaine will get copies made of the 1883 Breou Map to sell at Community Day on June 28th. Bev is making arrangements for ordering Cat's Meows Collectables of the Indiantown Schoolhouse also to sell. There is a Chester County Historic Network Meeting at Springton Manor on June 25. There will be a dinner and a tour. We need to make our reservation and send a check by June 14th.

Jennifer and Stephanie will attend the June 5 Supervisors meeting

Meeting adjourned at 10PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Beverly L. Bock". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the width of the page.

Beverly L. Bock, Secretary