

Kennett Township Historical Commission

801 Burrows Run Road
Chadds Ford, PA 19317
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February 25, 2020

Commission Members Present: Denise Klein, Diane McGovern, Sara Meadows, Judy Merhar, Fredda Pennock, Ed Rahme

Members: Absent: Jim Jacoby, Lars Farmer

Visitors: Karen Marshall, Carolyn Roland

MINUTES

Sara opened the Meeting at 6:05pm in the Public Meeting Room

1. The minutes of the January 28, 2020 meeting were accepted with no changes.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Fredda reported the following expenses:

\$1.98 on acid free paper

Balance remaining = \$3198.02

3. Board of Supervisors Meeting

3.1 **Isaac Allen House** - Sara reported that Bob Wise gave his talk to the Supervisors regarding the stabilization of the Isaac Allen House. Karen suggested that the KTHC request the \$15,000 stabilization budget be planned for next year. Develop a Phased plan for restoration and mothballing of the property.

3.2 **Isaac Allen House** - Sara suggested that we look for volunteers to clean up the property.

4. Sub-Committee Reports

4.1 **Annual Program** – No new discussion.

From Last meeting: Fredda contacted Seth Hinshaw. He will be available to speak on barns. Alternatively, he can speak to the historic characteristics of historic architecture in order to date buildings.

Commission voted unanimously to have Seth talk about dating architecture.

5. KTHC Business

5.1 **The Pines** – Sara reported: that the Township has rejected the private offer on the Pines – the offer was too low.

5.2 **Spar Hill Farm** – Diane reported no new activity.

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- 5.3 **Stonehouse** – Ed talked to Dominique Lapp and recommended that he hire a structural engineer to design the porch supports.

6. **Clifton Mill** – No new discussion.
From last meeting: Brandywine Battlefield Marker. Karen suggested that the Commission approach TLC (The Land Conservancy for Southern Chester County) and ask that they meet with the owner of the property to consider an easement to create a pocket park for the marker and pedestrian bridge to view Clifton Mill and its surrounding landscape.

7. **Municipal Historic Leadership Meeting** - Lars attended the Municipal Historic Leadership meeting on February 8th. He will give a report when he attends the next meeting.

8. **Map of Buildings in Underground Railroad buildings** - Karen Marshall gave Mike Thompson a map of the important buildings in the Township to research the Underground Railroad in the area. He will use this list so that he can invest time and money to save them.

9. **Marshall Mill House** – No new discussion.
From previous meeting: Diane reported that the small house, the Marshall Mill House, owned by TLC is being renovated. Sara will contact the Township permit department to make sure they are aware of the work being done.

10. **Access to the History Room** - Sara is coordinating with the Township to have access to the History Room.

END MINUTES

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ed Rahme, Secretary