

MINUTES - KENNETT TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING – February 26, 2019

Commission Members Present: Jay Hughes, Denise Klein, Jim Jacoby, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Sara Meadows,
Fredda Pennock

Members Absent: Lars Farmer, Ed Rahme,

Visitor: Sandy Reber from KURC

Sara opened the meeting at 7:07 pm

1. The Minutes of January 22, 2019, were accepted with no changes
2. Election of Officers for 2019 was postponed until more members are in attendance
3. Treasurer's Report – Balance - \$1835
4. Sandy Reber, representing the KURC, asked if our Commission would be interested in working with KURC to place a PHMC historic marker. Several possible sites were discussed and the opinion was reached that the Pines would be the best site. Sandy gave us some background information about how the process works. The idea was favorably received and we will think about it and make a decision at our next Meeting. *(A copy of her proposal is attached to the file copy of these minutes.)*
5. We briefly talked about our Program – Fredda is working on the Poster. We decided to explore the idea of gathering information from our own records to better tell the story of the relationship between P.S. duPont and the Township and some of the benefits and advantages local residents enjoyed because of duPont's involvement. We are all willing to help out with whatever needs to be done.
6. Updates on projects - The Pines – Exterior renovations are almost completed and the building looks very nice but only on the exterior. Opinions were expressed about having some positive publicity or at least public acknowledgement of what has been accomplished.
7. Still no news reported on progress regarding the Isaac Allen House on McFarlan Road, except that there are still discussions going on between the Township and Chatham Financial.
8. We reviewed and discussed the Walter Farmhouse – now STONEHOUSE - and the progress with the demolition of the porch and west addition. After our visit, a note describing our concerns and requests was attached to the approved Demolition plans. It was suggested that we should keep an eye on what happens to the structure. *(note attached to file copy of minutes)*
9. Sara had contacted the Creamery regarding the salvage of the porch. And they were interested but would store it, not use it immediately, if it could be delivered to them. After checking with the builder, Sara asked them to pick it up after it had been removed from the structure. She did not hear back from them and some Amish workers admired the porch and were allowed, by the builder, to remove it. The Creamery is still interested in the windows and we will try to do a better job of communicating and coordinating. But at least the porch was saved.
10. After our visit to Spar Hill Farm a report was prepared with our suggestions , for the Board of Supervisors, as they had requested – *(copy attached to file copy of minutes)*

11. We reviewed Mike Pia's plans for an addition to the historic Barkingfield Farm house – We were very pleased with the plans and felt they respected and preserved the historic integrity of the house while creating a comfortable home for a family in 2019. We gave approval for the plan alteration/addition plans.
12. We briefly discussed the Updating of the Comprehensive Plan.. Sara will continue to work with the Zoning Officer, Diane Hicks, the Planning Commission Chair, Jim Guthrie and Township Manager, Lisa Moore, to make changes which indicate how we feel historic property permits are handled.
13. Election of Officers for 2019 was postponed until next meeting
14. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40

Respectively submitted,

Sara Meadows
Acting Secretary