

## Kennett Township Historical Commission

801 Burrows Run Road  
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August 27, 2019

**Commission Members Present:** Lars Farmer, Jay Hughes, Denise Klein, Diane McGovern, Sara Meadows, Judy Merhar, Fredda Pennock, Ed Rahme

**Members: Absent:** Jim Jacoby

**Visitors:** Gail Austin, Carolyn Roland

### MINUTES

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**Sara opened the Meeting at 7:05pm**

1. The minutes of the July 23, 2019 meeting were accepted with no changes.
2. **Treasurer's Report:**
  - Fredda reported no new expenses.
  - Current Balance:** \$1480.00
3. **Board of Supervisors Meeting:**
  - 3.1 Sara reported no new information
4. **Sub-Committee Reports:**
  - 4.1 **Annual Program** – Possible topics include:
    - 4.1.1 Diane suggested a presentation of the Frank Furness house on Route 82
    - 4.1.2 Diane suggested presenting *A History of Spar Hill Farm*
    - 4.1.3 Diane suggested presenting *A History of Farms Purchased by the Township*
    - 4.1.4 Lars suggested - *Gone but not forgotten- lost buildings of Kennett Township*
    - 4.1.5 Lars suggested – *The Story behind Sandy Flash*
    - 4.1.6 Lars suggested – *Underground Railroad Stations in Kennett Township*
5. **KTHC Business**
  - 5.1 **The Pines** – Sara reported nothing new.
  - 5.2 **Spar Hill Farm** – Diane reported that the Spar Hill Committee (established by the Township) gathered and people suggested that the buildings be torn down (with the exception of the smokehouse). Jay discussed the free-standing silo and suggested that it should be saved. Lars agreed.

Seth Hinshaw of RGA Consultants conducted the Historic Structures report and will compile the information by end of September for submission to the Township.

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- 5.3 **Stonehouse** (formally the Sweetbriar townhome development at the Five Points intersection) - Scott Emerson and Jim Dahme of Bentley Homes attended the meeting and presented a plan for edge of the property along Kaolin Road. The plan included plantings and PVC fencing. The Commission debated the use of plastic fencing and proposed that Bentley should investigate other types of fencing for the property edge along Kaolin Road. The Sign Marker proposed to describe the history of the stone house was mentioned and briefly discussed. The developers are willing to work with us in selecting the exact location for the marker.
- 5.4 **Clifton Mill** – Regarding the Brandywine Battlefield historical marker, Denise continues to research how the Mill factored into the Battle of the Brandywine. Carolyn Roland recommended that Denise speak to Andrew Outten for his input about the part the Mill played.
- 5.5 **Barking Field Park** – Three informational panels are being created for the Park. Kathryn Freilich, Land Stewardship Coordinator of the Township’s Sustainable Development Office, asked for our input and comments for historical information and ideas. There will be 3 panels - one for Riparian Buffer; one for Meaningful Meadow and one for the Historical background. We had little time left for any discussion before adjournment was called.

### **END MINUTES**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ed Rahme, Secretary