



Warrington Township Historic Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 9, 2023

Attendance:

Commission Members: Connie Ace - Chair, Guy Powell, Michael DeMaria, Kathy Newcomb, Roseann Diorka, Shu-I Tu

Guests: Warrington Township Supervisor: Ruth Schemm (Liaison)

Warrington Township Supervisor Eileen Albillar

Warrington Historical Society: Mary Roth - President, Ken Samen, Donna Sempowski, William Donohoe

Call to Meeting at 7:05 PM by Chair

Meeting Minutes

- WHC members approved meeting minutes of December 12, 2022.

New Business

- Election of officers for 2023
 - Connie Ace, Chair
 - Guy Powell, Vice Chair
 - Roseann Diorka, Secretary
- Welcome 2023 BOS Liaison: Supervisor Ruth Schemm
- Email from developer interested in the Villa Barolo property. Nothing yet before the Zoning Board. New Zoning officer is Doreen Curtin.

Old Business

- 10 Folly Road Schoolhouse renovation.
 - Two bids received from contractors: One bid itemized; the other bid was not. Itemization can be provided upon request.
 - Issues related to water/sewer utilities were discussed. Cost for the sewer line will probably be deducted from the Grant received from Township. The Grant was given for historical preservation not for the water and sewer. There will be PFOS testing for contamination. Mary will follow up. Grant dollars may be available.
- Ivy Ross – Open Space Land Preservation Committee – update on Preservation Ordinances (proposed)
 - Three levels of preservation
 - Level 1 – total preservation with conservatory, permanent easement, highest protection/restrictions (e.g. Weisel, Emerson, Grove Valley, Laurel)

- Level 2 – most of our open space properties, except 84 acres owned by PennDot and Fire Stations, blanket preservation, difficult to make changes (changes go before BOS, then open to the public)
 - Level 3 – no protection/restrictions at all, active parks, allows for additions, small sheds, etc. More feasible for 10 Folly Road.
- Grants are out there. Bucks Co. Tourism – max award \$40K opens up in September. Need to get project description and budget to Ivy. DEP grant as grade school students from the area elementary schools would be brought to the School House to see how it was to be a student in a one-room school.
- Question regarding lease of property. Could future Boards cancel our Warrington Circle Society Lease after we complete the renovations? Any protection for the lease? Ruth will review with Barry and counsel.
- Connie will contact Jenn regarding corrections to the WHC listing on the township website.
- 3225 Pickertown Road – current owner is James Heron. Property looks abandoned even though a light seems to be on at night. Deed search will be conducted.
- 2931 Bristol Road, 15 acres – owner died. Nothing has been brought before the Planning Commission.
- Discussion on how other Commissions in our area are obtaining their funding.
- Mail. Check received for the Society

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Next Meeting February 13, 2023 (hybrid meeting)

Roseann Diorka
Warrington Historic Commission Secretary