

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for May 21, 2008

Present: Dale Blum, Caryl Brackenridge, Paul Krylowski, Barbara Rossi and Eileen Stokes.

This regularly scheduled April meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, having been advertised in the *Observer Tribune* in January, 2008, and posted on the Municipal Building Bulletin Board and the Township web site, was called to order at 7:46 p.m.

Minutes

The April 16 and April 22 minutes were approved as written.

Old Business

Historic Preservation Awards - The annual awards were presented by Chairman Eileen Stokes and Susan Penney at the May Township Committee meeting. She is checking with the recipients to see if they object to having their names published in a newspaper article about the awards.

Stephensburg Bridge update - County is having some problems with the custom design for the culvert and have contacted Eileen requesting our opinion on possible solutions. Eileen solicited these opinions from Commissioners via email.

New Business

River Marking - The Environmental Commission is erecting signs identifying the rivers in the township and asked HPC for approval for a sign in the German Valley Historic District identifying the South Branch of the Raritan. The HPC approved the request.

Middle Valley Community Center - Paul Krylowski recused himself as an HPC Commissioner and presented drawings illustrating the barrier free access the MVCC wishes to construct on their building in the Middle Valley Historic District. The access ramp would not be visible from the public thoroughfare, would be constructed of stained wood and would not be connected to the building.

The public hearing requirement was waived due to the unobtrusive nature of the project. Caryl Brackenridge made a motion, seconded by Dale Blum and unanimously approved, to issue a COA to the Middle Valley Community Center for barrier free access to the building doorways, as presented in the drawings.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be June 18.

This meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Caryl R. Brackenridge, Secretary