

Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes for June 18, 2008

Present: Eileen Stokes, Keith Hayes, Barbara Rossi, Dale Blum, Sue Penney, and Bill Beute.

This regularly scheduled June 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 webpage, was called to order at 7:39 p.m.

The May 21 minutes were accepted with a correction. Under annual awards were presented by, Susan Penney's name needs to be inserted.

Applicants:

Swain: RO 06-01-08, 15 Fairview Ave, B28, L43 - Dimensional Roof.

RO 06-02-08, 17 Schooley's Mtn. B33, L40 - Dimensional Roof.

The COAs were granted on June 12, 2008

Whereas, the applicant has requested a COA to replace existing, deteriorated roofing shingles.

Whereas, the applicant proposed to use dimensional roofing shingles, already approved for similar use within this historic district.

The Historic Preservation Commission automatically approved the use of these shingles as appropriate. All detail work, fascia, and trim boards will remain the same or be replaced in kind by exact replacement in relation to materials, dimensions and placement.

Laufer: Schooley's Mtn Road.

This application was postponed until they meet with their builder.

New Business:

Circulation Element Draft Changes: (planning board)

Items discussed were the written comments from Carol Brackenridge on proposed sidewalks on the North side of East Mill Road. It was noted that this was the commercial side of the street and sidewalks never existed in front of the LaTourette Grist Mill. This space is to be used, in the future, by the Washington Township Land Trust for Handicapped access into the Grist Mill. It is an important part of their ADA access plans. Also discussed were items in the draft such as lighting plans, kiosks, brick choices, and crosswalk signals. It was decided that we need to remind the planning board that they must come to us before implementing any of these changes.

Cell Tower, Ort Farm:

The commission did not like the proposed location of a new cell tower and would prefer that they figure out how they might place the equipment on one of the existing towers.

Schooley's Mountain Store:

There is a new vent on the side of the building. The HPC did not grant any approval for this. When we asked the building department if they had approved it, we were advised that they had not. The HPC will wait until the building dept takes some action, the Schooley's Mountain Store will need to come before us for approval.

It was also noted that the original outhouse is gone.

Stan Andrews House, West Mill Road:

It was noted that work was being done on the porch. We have been advised that this is an exact replacement of the decking.

Old Business:

Splash Letter:

We will be sending a letter to Splash reminding them that they need to finish the work that we all agreed upon last year.

Girl Scout Gold Award Project:

Keith advised us that Bianca's gold award project is complete and that he has signed off on the paperwork for her.

HPO Annual Conference. June 4, 2008

This conference was attended by Barbara Rossi and Eileen Stokes.

Middle Valley Bridge:

It appears that the original bridge may have been constructed in 1889, not 1928 as had been thought. We will be hearing more on this bridge in the future.

CLG Grant:

The signed agreement for this grant has been received.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on July 16, 2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith P. Hayes
Acting Secretary

