

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 5, 2012

This regularly scheduled September meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, advertised in the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record* in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act, and posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board and the Township website, was called to order at 7:40 by Chairman Stokes.

Present: Barbara Rossi, Eileen Stokes, Dale Blum, Leah Korbel, Gregg Forsbrey (late), Jennifer Gorini.

Absent: Ed Gagne, Bill Beute, Susan Penney, Jennifer Gorini.

Minutes: Motion by Gregg Forsbrey to accept the 05/16/12 minutes as submitted, seconded by Dale Blum. Unanimous approval by roll call vote: Rossi, Stokes, Blum, Forsbrey.

Motion by Gregg Forsbrey to accept the 06/20/12 minutes as submitted, seconded by Barbara Rossi. Unanimous approval by roll call vote: Rossi, Stokes, Blum, Forsbrey.

The 07/18/12 minutes were carried over to the 09/19/12 meeting.

2013 Meeting Calendar: It was decided to continue to hold regularly scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of each month and continue to hold work sessions on the first Wednesday of odd numbered months. We will discuss changing the time at the next meeting.

Scout Projects:

- Boy Scout, Hunter Woinocki, will be at the 09/19/12 HPC meeting to present his potential Eagle Scout project. Eileen Stokes would like the Commission members to study the pictures of the Middle Valley Cemetery in preparation for Hunter's presentation. Barbara Rossi would like to determine if stucco over the stones was original to the cemetery walls. Barbara is going to write something addressing the scope of Hunter's desired project.
- Girl Scout, Bridgette Rec will be photographing the structures in the German Valley District. She will produce a computer disc of each structure including block and lot, a photograph of each facade, close ups of any details and address.

Eileen Stokes just received a notification from Sarah Lichon that she will be redoing a sign for Stephensburg.

Emmanuel Bible Church (3 Pleasant Grove Rd.)

Although the church is not in a district, an archeological study was made in the late 1980s and recommendations made regarding preserving and documenting finds regarding this site of the former Dorincourt Hotel. the Township Planning Board has frequently asked for input from the HPC and since the Church will be expanding parking, Ken Short asked the Church Planning Board to contact the HPC in this case.

Mr. Short suggested that the cement steps left from the Hotel **might** be removed and a plaque regarding the Dorincourt be placed on the property. Church representative, Reeve Garrity said that the church would be delighted to protect, as they have always been inclined to, the long term heritage of the site. They would be happy to meet with HPC members and stated that their plans for expanded parking **were approved in 1989 &** do not impact any **known** historically sensitive areas. **The current application before the Planning Board is for a soil removal permit.** HPC members agreed that the cement steps **are indeed historic, as seen in the attached old photograph, and** should remain on the site and perhaps a plaque could be installed somewhere **else** on the property. It was decided that the HPC would reinforce to the Planning Board that the contractor for the parking lot should stay within delineated perimeters, HPC members who are able will conduct a site walk at the Church, and will request that the contractor hold off on any disturbance to the site until this can occur.

Eileen Stokes will reach out to Carol Zaikowski for input on the parking lot construction.

Design Guidelines: The Washington Township Design Guidelines are a work in progress. The HPC will be fine tuning them.

Dale Blum asked about Naughtright being part of the district expansion.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Leah Korbel

Minutes approved as amended on 10/17/12 by motion of Leah Korbel, seconded by Jennifer Gorini. Ayes: Blum, Gorini, Korbel and Stokes. Nays: 0. Abstained: Gagne & Penney.