

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2017 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Commission members: Dr. Connie Ace, chair (2020), Mr. Stuart Cohen, vice chair (2018), Mr. Shu-I Tu, secretary (2018), Mr. David Sharp (2018), Mr. William Sharpe (2019), Mr. Harry Lukens (2019), 1 vacancy
Mr. Fred Gaines, Supervisor, liaison to Board of Supervisors

Our mission:

- To advise the Board of Supervisors on matters relating to:
 - Historic structures
 - Properties
 - Artifacts and other relevant materials
- To advocate for the preservation of Warrington's historic past
- To promote awareness of local history

2017 activities and accomplishments

Site visits:

Geerling Farm: 3091 Street Road

Preserved historic house

Unable to save barn and other historically significant outbuildings

Cohen House: 2436 Street Road

Unable to preserve historic home (in right-of-way for Street Road)

Architectural artifacts from home to be preserved

Cornell House: 2934 Bristol Road

Discussions with owner regarding preservation

Exploring funding resources for preservation

Illg Farm: 365 Folly Road

House and two barns

Unable to preserve house or barns

Recovered minor artifacts from English stone barn

Lazalere House: 3502 Limekiln Pike

House and barn

Discussions with owner regarding preservation

Currently no incentive to preserve house or barn

No-impact reviews:

Reviewed multiple proposed developments, site modifications and other permit submissions which were determined to have no historical impact

Ongoing concerns:

Murphy tract: 2934 Bristol Road

Proposed development threatens historic house

Advocate preservation of house, salvage of barns

Mill Creek School: vintage school house

Concern for maintaining historic façade

Current offices of Warrington Tax Collector; anticipated new tenant

Agreement to preserve, to extent possible, historic aspects of building

Eble House:

Meticulously restored house and outbuildings

Offered preservation easement in 2016 – not accepted by BOS

Still potential for renewed discussions

Kulp House: 2616 County Line Road

Unmodified 1800 house

Very poor repair, little interest from owner in preservation

Would be endangered by County Line Road widening

Arnold House: 2401 County Line Road

Excellent example of early Bucks County farm house architecture

Excellent condition; well maintained

Endangered: in right-of-way of County Line Road and Bradford Road

Outreach:

Barclay School

Presentation on Warrington history to about 75 second graders

Helped them celebrate John Barclay's 268th birthday

Collaborations

Warrington Historical Society
10 Folly Road Schoolhouse

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And the entire Board of Supervisors