

Warrington Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes – May 8, 2023

Attendance:

Commission Members: Constance Ace - Chair, Guy Powell – Vice Chair, Kathy Newcomb, Frank Peranteau, Shu-I Tu, Michael DiMaio, Roseann Diorka Guests: Warrington Township Supervisor: Ruth Schemm (Liaison) Warrington Historical Society: Mary Roth - President, Ken Samen, Donna Sempowski, William Donohoe

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and thank you to Vice Chair, Guy Powell for chairing the April 10, 2023 meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Welcome 2023 BOS Liaison: Supervisor Ruth Schemm.

• WHC members approved minutes of April 10, 2023 meeting, with two corrections to be made. One abstention, Connie Ace, who was not present at that meeting.

Public Comment: None

New Business

• Gary Toth spoke with Connie pre-demolition at the McNaney farm. He confirmed main house and spring house would not be touched. Truck patch and barn will be demolished. Old steamer trunk and small chest of drawers found in the truck patch are going to be used in the Folly Road Schoolhouse.

Old Business

- 2 Plaques for Old Firehouse
 - o Connie will get application for the Bucks County Heritage Conservatory
 - o Original architect was Oscar Martin
 - o Heritage Conservatory website has some verbiage regarding owners' right to modify property
 - o Warrington Plaque criteria for determining historic site architecture resemble original structure.
 - o Criteria for National Registry house/property has to be associated with significant person

- A list, identifying Warrington owners of historic sites/owners who have plaques, should be created. This should be put on next month's agenda for discussion. Mary will send around a list.
- Landmark status? Ken will check out this application
- Murphy's house? No plaque?
- Folly Road School House is moving along. Mary will be meeting with Jon Castanza.
 - Waiting on the Architect to approve marked-up plans, but no response yet, which is delaying the project. As of now, start date July.
 - o Ruth will check with Barry if we are locked into having the architect sign off on plans?
 - o Township equipment is on property to dig sewer trench.
 - o Plan a Ground Breaking Ceremony invites to contractor, Board of Supervisors, WHC and WHS
 - o Open House is June 3 unless driveway is dug up
 - Water and sewer have been taken care of by Township. Most fees were waived. Plumber is Keith Klein.
- Craigs Tavern no new information on this.
- Open Space Committee
 - o Lion's Pride Pond conversion to wetlands was approved
 - o Planting live stakes along Mill Creek
 - o Master Watershed Steward of Bucks County working on Weisel Preserve
- May 20 is Day of Community Service.

Mail: none

Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Next Meeting June 12, 2023 Hybrid format – in person at Township Building and virtually via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Diorka, Secretary Warrington Historical Commission