



Warrington Township Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2023

Attendance:

Commission Members: Constance Ace - Chair, Guy Powell – Vice Chair, Kathy Newcomb, Frank Peranteau, Michael DiMaio, Roseann Diorka, Shu-I Tu (via Zoom)

Guests: Warrington Township Supervisor: Ruth Schemm (Liaison) and Township Resident, Brianna (via zoom)

Warrington Historical Society: Mary Roth - President, Ken Samen, Donna Sempowski, William Donohoe

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM by Chair followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in remembrance of the victims of 9/11.

Meeting Minutes

Welcome 2023 BOS Liaison: Supervisor Ruth Schemm and Township Resident, Brianna, Graduate of University of Delaware, History Major

- WHC members reviewed and motion was made to approve the minutes of June 12, 2023 meeting. Motion seconded and carried.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- Posters were made up of maps of Warrington Township for Warrington Day showing early land parcels and boundaries. William Allen, a colonist, was granted 10,000 acres in 1740 which eventually became Warrington (Upper State Road to Valley Road and Bristol Road to County Line Road. Land was then sold in parcels of 200 acres each.
 - Request by Connie for reimbursement of \$112.78 for the cost of the posters. Motion to approve reimbursement was seconded and accepted.

Other New Business

- 1090 Lower State – house and barn fire. Request was made to replace barn. Ordinance change requested. Planning Commission approved the request.

Old Business

- School House – progress is slow but moving along.
- Ramp is to be poured, frame to be supported, outside door is in. Windows not yet here.
- Bills for water and sewer will go to the Society. Forms to be completed and submitted. Plumber is lined up. Nothing yet as to the sewer.
- Jon is good with keeping in touch with Society. Second payment of \$30,000 was made. Foundation passed inspected.
- Jon is making a change in the roof structure over the shed (\$5,000 - \$8,000). Original shed had a flat roof, he will make the roof similar to the School House, which is A-frame. Jon is not charging us for the additional cost.
- Roof over exit door will have a slight pitch over it.
- Township is requiring grinder pump to be installed. We now need a new electrical system with a cost of about \$8,000 - \$10,000. Lines for new electrical system may be underground. Box for new electrical panel will be hidden. We may be able to get some help from PennDot.
- Window wells will be simple, not as ornate as planned, which will save money.
- Lighting - Jon recommended LED flush mounted ceiling panels for lighting. They will not be visible during the day.

- Open Space Committee
 - Kathy
 - Ad Hoc Committee Meeting Thursday 9/14/23.
 - Pond to wetlands conversion delayed by contractor
 - Township doing its own mapping
 - Setting up of land preservation website
 - Working on interpretive signs

Other Old Business

- Firehouse – Peter and Ralph, would like a historic plaque for the firehouse. Commission will order one for them.

Mail: none

Motion to adjourn, seconded and carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Next Meeting October 9, 2023

Hybrid format – in person at Township Building and virtually via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Roseann Diorka, Warrington Historical Commission, Secretary