

Warrington Historical Commission: Review of 2018 accomplishments

- ❖ Input to new Police Department building stressing need to preserve historic character of Warrington Township
- ❖ Provided feedback on Revised Comprehensive Plan giving strong support for historic preservation
- ❖ Established liaison with Open Space and Park & Rec committees
 - Mark Lomax appointed as representative to Open Space
- ❖ Demolition/subdivision permit review: the following applications were reviewed and determined to have ***no impact on historical structures or properties***:
 - Eureka Stone Quarry properties:
 - 515 Mill Creek Road, single family rancher, built approximately 1950-1970, no date provided in County records.
 - 565 Mill Creek Road, single family dwelling built 1952
 - 226 Lower State Road, single family dwelling built 1952
 - 2501 Bristol Road, single family dwelling built 1956 and large existing accessory structure behind the house. (Application is not clear about which buildings are to be demolished; Township staff working to clarify that)
 - 2276 Moss Avenue, single family dwelling built 1952.
 - 3572 Limekiln Pike, 3 unit subdivision
 - While property contains an historic house and other structures, proposed development leaves house and outbuildings intact.
 - 31 Easton Road – Rita’s Ice (new driveway)
 - 1800 Street Road, commercial building to be replaced with new structure
 - Chick-Fil A drive-up traffic patterns
 - Wawa expansion
 - While concerns were expressed for general impact on traffic patterns and volume, no significant impacts on historic structures were identified
 - Farabee Tract (Oak Avenue & Evergreen Avenue) subdivision to 3 additional lots
 - Cardamon-Wade Trace (Pickertown and Stump Roads)
 - 2627 County Line Road
 - Street Road & Easton Road – proposed auto dealership
 - While the auto dealer complex would not directly impact historic structures, its presence at the essential entrance to the commercial district is not consistent with the historic nature of the township
- ❖ Demolition/subdivision permit reviews ***with historical impact***:
 - 2436 Street Road – Cohen House

- Notably one of the oldest houses in the Township
- Impact of road makes location difficult to save (located within cartway easement)
- Worked with developer to inspect before demolition
- Arrange recovery of materials; salvaged paneling to be used as wainscoting for the schoolhouse
- Historic fire company plaque recovered
- Plants/bulbs recovered for transplanting to 10 Folly Road Schoolhouse
- Geerling tract (previously Porter farm)
 - Saved historic home from demolition
 - Secured street name consistent with property history
- Eble property
 - Secured historic preservation easement for house & barn
- Murphy Tract
 - Saved historic house
 - Obtained vintage wood for use in schoolhouse
 - Street to be called Murphy Lane or Murphy Court
- 2617 County Line Road (Kulp property)
 - Acquired by PennDOT
 - Impinges on current roadway right of way; not eligible for PennDOT assistance to relocate
 - In such poor repair, not salvageable or movable
 - Requested site visit prior to demolition
- 3494 Limekiln Pike (Pelleggi Tract)
 - Sketch plan preserves historic house; will monitor progress through Planning Commission to ensure that does not change
- Cornell house: work in progress to identify potential township use and funding for acquisition
- ❖ Collapsed structure at 1581 Stuckert Road
 - Neighbors had complained about the remnants of a collapsed barn structure; decision was that the structure was on private property and the issue was among local residents; township has no jurisdiction
- ❖ 10 Folly Road Schoolhouse
 - Secured funding for restoration – hiring of architectural firm
 - Significant progress on interior restoration
 - PennDOT acquired right-of-way; will lose approx. 16' of frontage (probably in 2020)
- ❖ Daniel Bradley, Jr. marker stone

- Research history
- Arranged with Veterans' Affairs Committee for re-installation at IPG Park (Memorial Day 2019)
- ❖ Nathaniel Irwin house
 - Addn'l research identified probably use of structures in basement as slave quarters
 - Previous speculation was that it could have been associated with the Underground Railroad
- ❖ Partnered with Warrington Historical Society in the following:
 - Identified, qualified and selected architect for schoolhouse renovation project
 - 2 Open Houses for schoolhouse
 - Warrington Day
 - Presentations to 2nd grade classes at Barclay and Mill Creek Elementary Schools
 - Warrington Volunteer Day – supervised students who planted flowers, did landscaping at the Schoolhouse
 - Assisted in preparation of Link articles
 - Interviewed Mrs. Norma M. Peacock regarding her long history in Warrington Township (note: her reluctance to share information led our decision not to publish at this time)