



Springfield Township Historical Commission

MAY 4, 2021

MINUTES OF MEETING OF REGULAR MEETING

HC-15

ZOOM DIGITAL BROADCAST

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MEETING ATTENDEES

Name:		Name:	
Scott Kreilick	Commission Chair	David Sands	Commission Member
Matthew Harris	Commission Vice Chair	Heather Snyder-Killinger	Commission Member
Al Comly	Commission Secretary	Joseph Devine	Commission Member
Brandon Ford	Ass't to Township Mgr	Mark Penecale	Staff Liaison
Baird Standish	Commissioner		

Guests: Grace Jefferson—interested party

- 1) **Call by Order by the Chairperson Kreilick**-Called to order at 6:11 PM by the Chair with roll taken.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes** from previous meetings: (April 6, 2021 HC-14) Motion by Sands, second by Devine to approve—passed (Abstention—Harris). (February 16, 2021 HC-12) Motion by Harris, second by Sands to hold to approve--passed.

3) Update by Board of Commissioners' Liaison Commissioner Chair Standish noted:

- He had spoken with Scott Denlinger (township solicitor working on historic ordinance) regarding the "list" or the township historic inventory
 - Currently such a list would be informal for the Historical Commission use, but no legal standing
 - To achieve full standing would require acceptance from the property owner ("buy-in") or a change in the ordinance.
 - Without a list, formally approved by the Township Commissioners, there is no mechanism in the current ordinance to stop the demolition of a structure in the township deemed to be historically significant
- Mr. Devine noted he had been working on a recommendation proposal for the Historical Commission to clarify the "list", but those thoughts might have been in conflict with the Solicitor's Comments
- Commissioner Standish opined regarding a "yearly report" from the Historical Commission, that it is might be a worthwhile effort. Staff could assist in preparation. Commissioner Standish noted the Planning Commission has a Special meeting with the Commissioners in October to provide a summary and request direction. This might be a good model for the Historical Commission.

4) Review of Agenda No changes to the agenda

5) Discussion Items and Appropriate Action ("Previous Business" and "New Business" in earlier minutes).

HC-15.1 Mr Penecale had been contacted by Joyce Bullock, 809 Campbell Lane in Wyndmoor regarding the status of her residence relative to the ordinance. Mr. Penecale had invited Ms. Bullock to attend the Historical Commission meeting tonight. He will send a copy of the package sent to the property owners for the earlier ZOOM presentation.

HC-15.2 Update on 7800 Gravers Lane: unofficially, property agreement of sale anticipates retention of the structure and no subdivision of the property.

HC-15.3 8765 Montgomery Ave: Chestnut Hill Conservancy has expressed concern that this property may be placed for auction—reducing the potential to control the future plan or use.

HC-14.1 **Community Awareness--**Primary discussion item was the need to formulate a course of action to move forward with the Commissions' task. Other means of publicizing the process were discussed including:

- Leveraging the Chestnut Hill Local article through wider distribution to Township residents
- Making personal contacts to the initially identified property owners
- Prepare a video that could be done using U-Tube. Other township commissions have done this. Township has the capability to prepare and air

U-Tube. This might be coupled with other social media to engage more of the public in the process

4/2/2021 Update—no further action

HC-14.2 Inventory list--Discussion continued relative to the development of the list relative to protecting properties where the owner does not wish to participate by committing to the inventory list. It was agreed that some clarification was needed from the solicitor and/ or the Commissioners.

4/6/2021 Update—see comments under Commissioner Standish's report

6) Citizen Comments *None*

7) Assignment of Member Action Items

(from HC-14) Mr. Kreilick and Mr. Harris will work with Mr. Ford regarding the transition of the Power-Point presentation to U-Tube—no discussion

Commissioner Standish will continue his discussions with the Solicitor.

8) Agenda for next meeting *All new agenda items shall be forwarded to Mr. Penecale at least one week prior to scheduled meeting date*

Continuation of discussion regarding how to “roll-out” this program to the public and the compilation of the historic inventory.

9) Adjournment Next meeting will be June 1 at 6PM to discuss best means to move forward

Respectfully Submitted

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