

**Lancaster Township Historical Commission**  
**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Monday, October 4, 2021**  
**6:30pm**

**Attendees:** Karen Foerstel, Terrie Finger, Marianne Heckles, Tom Larkin, Sasha Shand, Christine Shevock, Michael Witmer

**Meeting Called to Order:** 6:30pm

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Welcome New Members**

- T. Larkin and M. Witmer are the newest members of the Historical Commission

**Secretary**

- Motion to approve S. Shand as the Secretary of the Historical Commission → seconded → approved by unanimous consent

**Approval of Minutes**

- Amendments
  - S. Shand was not in attendance at that meeting
- Motion to approve the minutes as amended → seconded → approved by unanimous consent

**Bowser Carriage House**

- Donald Main (architect) and Scott Bowser (owner) were in attendance to present the plans for the Carriage House Project
- Project includes two additions to the existing structure
  - Foyer in the former garage bay and glass addition to the north with a garage located below
    - From the public right of way, the garage doors should be shielded from public view
  - The contemporary addition will be distinct from the existing structure
- D. Main noted that the attempt to install a basement led to the collapse of the wall last December → new engineering plans have been developed to avoid this type of incident in the future
  - Soil stabilization will be done and new foundation has been added to shore up the structure and provide support to the existing walls
- The only change to the plans from the last meeting is that the elevation of the floor is 30 inches higher than previously planned to help with stormwater management
- Concern was raised by the Historical Commission regarding the impact of large construction vehicles on the existing and adjoining property and structures

- D. Main reviewed the Historical Standards adherence, as defined by the Department of the Interior
- Motion to recommend the application in front of us → seconded → approved by unanimous consent
  - K. Foerstel will work with B. Webber on a written statement of recommendation to be provided to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors

#### **Historic Marker Program**

- K. Foerstel contacted the marker company and they confirmed that images can be added to the markers
- K. Foerstel is still working on the draft language for the Shenk's Ferry marker

#### **New Business**

- Abbeyville/Meadowcreek cemetery and Mennonite church marker status

**Meeting Adjourned: 7:49pm**