

Lancaster Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, December 6, 2021
6:30pm

Attendees: Karen Foerstel, Terrie Finger, Marianne Heckles, Tom Larkin, Paula Miller, Sasha Shand, Christine Shevock, Ben Webber, Mike Witmer

Meeting Called to Order: 6:37pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve with amendment clarifying that the garage addition is the only portion of the project that is being raised 30" → seconded → approved by unanimous consent

Historic Marker Program

- Southern Village HOA is very keen on having a Shenk's Ferry marker installed
 - Draft texted has been created
 - "Indigenous Shenks Ferry People lived here sometime between 1450-1525 AD. They were hunters, fishers, and farmers, moving every decade as soil became less fertile."
 - Edits to include changing AD to CE, noting that Shenk's Ferry People is the name that the community is known by in modern times, and that the tablet was erected by Lancaster Township to commemorate the existence of this community
 - Still to be determined is the size of the marker (the size will determine the amount of text)
 - We will likely need to choose a marker larger than 10" by 7" to accommodate the above text and suggested edits
 - Karen will investigate cost options and will send to Ben
 - Marker will be affixed to a boulder
- Abbeyville/Meadowcreek Cemetery and Mennonite Church Potential Marker
 - Of note is that there are homes built over the burial ground, so we need to be mindful of where we establish the marker
 - The Hershey family has requested a marker noting the existence of the site as they have family members who were buried there
 - Ben is proposing that we have a bus stop gazebo installed by Meadowcreek to which we would affix the marker
 - We could also erect a stand-alone sign or marker attached to a boulder along Meadowcreek Road
 - Ben can investigate options and pricing for a potential marker and will reach out to Mr. Hershey to discuss some options with him

- Mike will create draft text for the marker
- Christine noted that the commission should be consistent in the markers that are chosen for each historic site

New Business

- Roslyn Carriage House has not been through the Board of Supervisors yet - they were on the agenda for the November meeting, but asked to postpone until to the December meeting because the Bowers were out of town
 - In addition, the Historic Preservation Trust has raised some concerns, which were addressed in discussions with the Township and the architects
 - Ben will share any updates following the Supervisors meeting with the Commission members
- Two large projects of note:
 - Re-do of Engleside Intersection → PennDOT, Lancaster City, and Lancaster County have been looking at options
 - The project is currently paused, but Ben will share any historic review report which comes out of this project
 - Prison project is moving forward → up next is the re-zoning petition and text amendment
 - They will be doing feasibility studies and determining the scope of next steps; again, Ben will share any pertinent updates with the Commission

Adjournment: 7:57pm