

Lancaster Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting
Monday, April 4, 2022
6:30pm

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

Meeting Called to Order: 6:31pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve → seconded → approved by unanimous consent

Guest Presentation on 314 Atkins Avenue

- The current owner of 314 Atkins Avenue, Brian Herson, has done extensive research on the restrictive nature of deeds in Hamilton Park and surrounding neighborhoods
- He presented his research to the Commission (attached to these minutes) and requested feedback - he plans to share this information with the broader neighborhood and Lancaster community
- The Commission would like to highlight a feature property on its Township webpage and would like to start by highlighting this property and its history

Historic Marker Program

- Shenks Ferry Marker
 - The Commission agreed that we will choose an 18" x 18" bronze marker (including the Township logo) installed on stone
 - Karen will draft language for the marker
 - The Township has multiple stones available for the mounting and would be responsible for getting the stone to the site, however, Ben notes that the Township may not be responsible for installation of the marker on the stone
 - The Township will be responsible for maintenance of the marker once it's installed
- Abbeyville/Meadowcreek cemetery and Mennonite church marker
 - The Commission welcomed a descendent of the Brubaker family to the meeting
 - Mike and Ben met with Carl Hershey to learn more about the church, graveyard and history
 - Mike presented proposed language for the marker with the Commission
 - Once language is finalized, Mike will review it with the Hershey family member who brought this to the attention of the Commission
 - The location for this potential marker has not yet been determined
- Next steps of officially launching the marker program will be determined at a later time

Demolition Permit Application (Ranck Mill Road)

- Current owners of 1200 Ranck Mill Road are seeking approval to install solar panels on the rear section of the roof
- Solar panels would not be visible from the road, but would be visible from the back of the house
- Current roof is not historic and was installed by previous owners between 2016-2020
- Installation of solar panels is completely reversible with minimal damage to structures if current or future owners ever decide to remove them
- Motion to recommend that the owners proceed with solar panel installation as proposed
→ seconded → approved by unanimous consent

Roslyn Carriage House

- Commission received an update on the status of the project

Wheatland Presbyterian Church

- Commission received an update on a potential project under consideration by the church

Adjournment: 7:55pm

Action Items

- Karen will draft language for the Shenks Ferry Marker and Ben will locate an appropriate stone for the marker to be installed on
- Ben will send the Lancaster Township logo to Karen
- The Commission needs to decide on next steps for officially launching the marker program