

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

MINUTES

August 5, 2015

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), advertised in the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record* in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board and the Washington Township (the Township) website, was called to order at 8:37 by Chairman Stokes.

Present: Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Susan Penney, Jim Fitterer

Absent: Leah Korbel, Gregg Forsbrey, Ed Gagne

Minutes

- **June 3, 2015.** A quorum was not present to approve the minutes.

New Business

- **Colleen Puelsch, 398 West Mill Road, Middle Valley Historic District (MVHD), B54 L20. Application for solar panels.** Ms. Puelsch presented photographs of the barn and drawings of the solar panels. Solar panel array would be mounted flat against the rear-facing roof of the northern part of the barn. This portion of the roof would not be visible from any public roadways and would. Jim Fitterer made a motion to approve. Susan Penney seconded the motion to issue a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) the solar panels as discussed. Jim Fitterer, Susan Penney, Jennifer Gorini, and Eileen Stokes unanimously approved the motion. Resolution No. 08-01-15.
- **Katherine and Steven O'Hara, 2 Middle Valley Road, MVHD, B33 L75. Application for a master bedroom addition.** The O'Hara's presented photographs and architectural drawings of a proposed second floor addition above an existing porch. Photograph from Middle Valley Road with architectural depiction. The HPC believes that a public hearing is required for this application because of the visibility of the proposed addition from the road. Chairman Stokes explained the public notice process to the O'Hara's. The HPC provided feedback on the architectural design. Feedback included: (1) the material proposed for the siding is Hardie-plank clapboard and azek trim and the applicants will look into using wood siding and trim; and (2) the silhouette of the roofline on the addition looks large from the side of the home. The O'Hara's will set up the public notice and the public hearing for the next meeting on September 2, 2015.

Old Business:

- **Update on boundary dispute.** There has been a property boundary dispute between Armin Wagner and Land Trust property on East Mill Road. The Wagner's wall on Land Trust property has been moved onto his property.\

New Business

- **Remilling and Resurfacing of West Mill Road.** In 2001 we issued a COA for the same work. Chairman stokes will look into this to verify no changes in the roadway.
- **Greenfest.** Planned for September of this year.
- **German Valley Historic District (GVHD) Walking Tour.** The HPC will meet in the Brew Pub Parking lot at 6:00pm on Thursday August 13 to do a walking tour of the GVHD.

Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Susan Penney, Jim Fitterer unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:20.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gorini