

Upper Makefield Historical Advisory Commission (HAC)

Meeting Minutes – May, 14, 2012

Present: Cynthia Maxel, Maureen Ferrazzi and the Supervisors representative Larry Breeden Jeff Marshall. Absent: Peter Crawford

1. Minutes – The Minutes from the HAC meeting were approved via email and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.
2. The Agenda items: The Committee received information from Jeff Marshall about The Bucks County Audubon Society: Essence of Bucks County in a Weekend. This program is about the art of the Barn running from July 13-July 15th. Information available at www.bcas.org
3. Agenda items: Jeff perused a copy of the draft Preservation Ordinance for information about the categories regarding Upper Makefield Twp. Homes and historic structures. We agreed the Maureen would send Jeff a copy of the Historic structures inventory.
4. Agenda item: The Committee discussed the Advantages of Historic Registry: 1. the honor of being a historical significant property. The significance determined because of the importance of the building itself or because the residents were important to the Township, State or Country. 2. A theoretical increase in the property value of the Registered Home. 3. Protection against Federal or State interference in the property. Any project which received Federal money would have to be evaluated for the impact to the Historic property. 4. Protection from the local impact of the 537 sewer modification plans in Upper Makefield Twp. The only impact for a property owner is the process of property demolition is made more cumbersome by the Historic Registry listing.
5. The Committee accepted the advice of Jeff regarding the historic properties in the Township. He will present an evaluation and a recommendation about the four categories of property significance and the Committee will then evaluate his findings. Larry Breeden agreed to check on the status of the Preservation Ordinance.
6. The Committee did not attend the BCCC Saturday March 31, 2012 Preservation conference due to illness and previous commitments.
7. Cynthia Maxel asked if the web site be updated to include the time and date of the next meeting Monday June 18,2012 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes Approved May 22,2012
Respectfully submitted
Maureen J Ferrazzi: Secretary