

Upper Makefield Historical Advisory Commission (HAC)

Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2011

Present: Cynthia Maxel, Peter Crawford, David Kulig and Maureen Ferrazzi

Absent: Erica Armour and Dick Quanstrom

1. Minutes – The Minutes from the 4-4-11 HAC meeting were approved via email and forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.
2. Jeff Marshall showed the Committee the research work of the Heritage Conservancy on the historic properties in Upper Makefield Township. The paper set in a pdf, format will be presented after its completion in mid-September. Jeff suggested that a copy of our UMT Historic Houses list and information be made available to the Newtown Historical Commission. He agreed to go over the survey files at our meeting on September 12 and lend his expertise to the committee as to the rankings 1, 2, 3, of each historic property.
3. Jeff also discussed the July meeting of the consulting parties and the Veterans Administration. Jason Vendetti conducted the meeting and he presented information to the community about the VA's future plans for the Scott farm and the Log Cabin. Apparently too much time was spent on the Scott Farm apparently with leasing being the only option under consideration by the VA (i.e., no outright sale of the property). As it became late, not much time was given to preserving the Log Cabin. It is thought that the group will meet near the end of the year.
4. Dave told the HAC that he has requested that the Joint Zoning Council review at its Sept. 1st meeting the outline of ideas recently updated by BCPC Chair Lynn Bush regarding a revised approach to the Historic Overlay Ordinance with the hope that if agreement is reached, a revised ordinance will be prepared by Jointure Counsel for review by all 3 Townships. He offered to present an analysis of the meeting to the HAC at the Sept, 12th meeting,
5. The PHMC has begun its renovation and expansion project on the Visitors Center of the Washington Crossing State Park.
6. Cynthia requested that Dave consider future projects (such as the Washington Crossing Streetscape and the Scott farm and log house) in which the Historical Advisory Board could be more actively involved to support the township supervisors. Dave agreed to look for these future opportunities
7. The Next meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 7:00.

Maureen Ferrazzi, Secretary
Secretary, Historical Advisory Committee
Approved: August 11, 2011