

## **Westtown Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes Thursday, 29 August, 2013**

In attendance: Commission members Dave Walter, Bob Reidenbach, and Dan Campbell, Township Manager, Bob Layman. Patrick McDonough and Brian Giunta were absent.

Dave Walter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Dave made a motion to approve the minutes of July 25, 2013. The motion was approved.

### **I. Old Business**

#### **A. Camp Elder Historical Marker Dedication Update**

Dave provided an update on the marker ceremony. MGT Media will produce the brochure free of charge. Dave is working on publicizing the event. Fire Police and Police will be closing the roads from 12:30 – 2. Congressman Gerlach, Senator Dinniman, & Representative Truitt will be present. A sign advertising the event will be also be put up next week, and flyers will be distributed.

Roadmaster Mark Gross has installed the post, and the sign itself will be put up next week. A cover will be place over the marker until unveiling at the ceremony.

Weather will be the big variable, because there is no rain date. Bad weather will eliminate all the pageantry, but they will have the event rain or shine.

#### **B. Westtown School Tour**

Mary Brooks confirmed Sunday, October 13 from 1:30 – 3pm for a historical tour of the campus for Westtown residents. The tour will be by reservation only.

#### **C. Historic Properties Project**

Bob drafted a letter that will go to the residents of all properties in the inventory, requesting their permission to photograph the property. The letter was given to the other HC members to review and make comments by the next meeting.

## **II. New Business**

### **A. Arcadia Publishing contract for a “Westtown” Images of America Book**

Dave discussed with Rob Lukens at CC Historical Society the possibility of a discount on reproducing photos the Society has. Rob said he would talk to the archivist, Pam Powell, about it. Dave estimates that even with the CCHS photos, they would fall short of the 180 photos required by the publisher. So unless we can get more photographs, he felt that we cannot move forward. The Commission decided to pursue trying to acquire more photos from residents.

Dan stated that as long as everyone goes in with the knowledge that this will probably not be a money making venture, then he thought we should pursue trying to get more photos. Bob Layman said that he didn't think that the Board would necessarily expect it to be profitable. Dave will follow up with Pam Powell.

### **B. Subject for next quarterly Westtown Gazette**

Mary Brooks of the Westtown School has agreed to write an article for the next newsletter on the history of Westtown School.

The Commission will meet next on September 26. Meeting was adjourned at 6:35.