

**Westtown Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**  
**1039 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA**  
**Thursday, 20 February, 2014**

In attendance: Commission members Dave Walter, Dan Campbell, Pat McDonough, Brian Giunta, and Township Manager, Bob Layman. Bob Reidenbach has resigned from the commission.

Dave Walter called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Dave reviewed notes from the January 3, 2014 meeting, which lacked a quorum.

**I. Old Business**

**A. Historic Properties Project**

Dave reported that the HC has pictures of all but 3 of the 100 historic properties in the township. There are two on Crebilly Farm that are too far off the road to get a picture. Dave stated the next step would be to contact the owners of the historic properties. Bob R. had been working on a letter to residents, so someone else will have to assume that task.

Pat mentioned that at the Feb. 24 Bozutto hearing, it was brought up that Westtown does not have a historic properties inventory. Dave thought that they should prioritize getting the map of the historic properties in Westtown made before the next hearing on March 18. He said he would contact Karen Marshall for assistance in making the map.

Brian said he would try to work on the listing for the data base. Dan and Pat will work on the resident letter.

**B. Bozutto Development**

Pat and Dave were at the Bozutto hearing. The developer stated that the houses can't be saved because it would make the project infeasible. The developer cited a 1995 report from the Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission which stated that the Crebilly buildings are not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places because of their proximity to 202 and the fact that the intersection has been substantially altered. Pat mentioned that a 2001 PennDOT report stated that the properties were eligible for the National Register.

Dave spoke to Mr. Jaros after the meeting and he agreed to meet with the commission tomorrow night at 6:00 to discuss the Commission's recommendation. Pat thought the house made of local serpentine stone might be saved as a compromise, and possibly be made part of the complex as a caretaker's house.

**II. New Business**

**A. Spring Westtown Gazette article – deadline is March 10**

Dave found something on the history of Bartram Farm written in 1981, and suggested using that. The Bartram Farm is the original Hickman Farm. A cave in which the original family lived is reputed to be on the farm. Dave will ask permission of the current owner, who is a descendant of the Hickmans. The other alternative would be a story about Darlington Corner.

**B. Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan**

Dave attended the meeting for this presentation and had a copy of the materials, which he shared with the Commission.

**C. Little Shiloh A.M.E. abandoned cemetery**

Dave reported a contact with the brother-in-law of the property owner who has agreed to approach owner with a proposal to donate the cemetery tract to Westtown Twp. (if township will have it), or a non-profit organization which will rediscover, restore, and maintain the cemetery.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.