

**Westtown Township Historical Commission Meeting Minutes  
1039 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, PA  
Thursday, October 16, 2014**

In attendance: Commission members Dave Walter, Pam Boulos, Dan Campbell, Pat McDonough, and Erica Reilly. Jonathan Hoppe arrived late. Township Manager Robert Pingar was also in attendance.

**I. Call to Order**

Dave Walter called the meeting to order at 6:10 P.M.

**II. Approval of Minutes (September 18, 2014)**

Pam Boulos made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Erica. The minutes and notes were approved.

**III. Public Comment (Non-Agenda Items)**

None.

**IV. Old Business**

**A. Bozzuto Development Update**

Township Manager Robert Pingar gave a status update on the Historic Commission's response to Bozzuto's self-imposed conditions, the response the memo sent written by Dan Campbell that was sent to the Board of Supervisors. Pingar said that memo was given to Township Solicitor Patrick McKenna for review. Pat McDonough was given party status in future hearings, and that he may give the HC's response at a future date.

**B. Historic Resources Listing Update**

Robert Pingar said he believes the BOS will call upon John Snook, expert on historic preservation ordinances, and that the HC will get an opportunity to discuss with Snook any recommendations made by him.

**C. Westtown School Tour Registration Update**

Dave Walter informed the commission 27 people had signed up for the Tour as of 2:00 P.M., October 16.

**D. Little Shiloh Cemetery Update**

Commission members Dave Walter and Jonathan Hoppe met with a township resident who lived next to the cemetery from the late 1930s through the 1960s. The resident provided much insight into the maintenance and eventual demolition of the church, remembering, for example, Memorial Day

ceremonies there as late as the 1940s. Jonathan added that he has now identified about ninety individuals buried at the site. Dave added that he met with Township Solicitor McKenna the previous week. Solicitor McKenna wanted a history of the project to draft a memo outlining the Township's responsibility for the site, as county law specifies that the Township may have responsibility for maintaining the graves and tombstones of the veterans buried there. Dave noted that the aforementioned township resident noted that the tombstones were most likely still there, and have probably just sunken into the earth.

Dave also noted that a woman in California believes her ancestor, Jacob Martin, who is buried at Shiloh, may be a veteran of the American Revolution. Jonathan noted further verification is needed.

#### **E. Future Newsletters**

Gail Guterl's article on Darlington's corner will be appearing in the Fall quarterly Township Newsletter in the next few weeks.

#### **V. New Business**

##### **A. PennDOT Darlington's Corners Public Meeting**

Commission members Gail Guterl and Dave Walter met with Karen S. Marshall, Heritage Preservation Coordinator of the Chester County Planning Commission, about a proposed project that would widen US Route 202 at State Route 926 at Darlington's Corners. It was noted that this project would have no impact on the current Bozzuto project, but would greatly impact the properties along the 202 corridor. Pat McDonough noted that the properties may be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, though much of the village has been lost to development. Dave continued that Marshall had written to Monica Harrower, of PennDOT, regarding the issue, and that PennDOT would hold a public meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup> seeking public input on the proposed project.

#### **VI. Public Comment All Topics**

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 P.M.