

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**April 12, 2022
7:00 PM**

Attendance: Bob Wise, Chair; Kate Farnham, Vice-Chair; Peter Benton; Karl Brachwitz; Dana Alan, Township Supervisor; Bernie Couris, Township Supervisor; Sara Shick, Township Supervisor. Absent: Thomaseth Dulchinos.

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Wise called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 8, 2022 meeting of the Historical Commission prepared by Ms. Dulchinos were distributed. There was one correction to a name. **MOTION** by Mr. Benton for approval of the minutes as amended; second by Mr. Wise. *Motion carries unanimously.*

3. APPLICATIONS:

There were no applications this month. An informal review is proposed for a renovation at 2200 Flowing Springs Rd. but applicant is not available.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

Pearl Griffith Farm:

The metal roof on the house is coming off on one end and the HC has been trying to connect with the owners. Mr. Benton drafted a letter and gave it to John Granger (Twp. Manager) for review; he will follow up.

Township Barn:

The HC has asked the Board of Supervisors (BOS) if they can retain Mr. Rick Ortega, who did a structural analysis of the timber framing, to document the barn framing before alterations are made. The HC also requests that the BOS allow the HC to participate in the design process.

1925 French Creek Rd.:

This creekside residential property is being purchased by the Township as parkland. Mr. Granger is putting together an RFP to relocate the cottage, which dates from the 1930s and is Class III. Ms. Farnham was advised by a local resident that this cottage was originally built as a cattle shed and converted to a dwelling in the 1960s. Mr. Brachwitz noted that relocating the cottage could have greater environmental impacts than simply demolishing it. A history of French Creek fishing cottages might be a project for the Historic Resources Committee.

Opalanie Park:

Mr. Benton gave a signage plan to Mr. Granger for review. There was a brief discussion of historical topics the HC would like to see presented on the signage.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Brachwitz proposed changing the HC meeting schedule from the 2nd Tuesday to the 2nd Wednesday of the month. Commissioners present at the meeting agreed with this. **MOTION** by Mr. Benton, pending discussion with Ms. Dulchinos, to move Historical Commission meetings to the 2nd Wednesday of the month; second by Mr. Brachwitz. *Motion carries unanimously.* Mr. Brachwitz will follow up with Mr. Granger.

6. PROJECTS:

Website: Mr. Benton provided feedback to Maria Cantarero at the Township office and she is working on it.

Ordinance: No updates.

7. REPORTS:

There are no updates from the BOS or Planning Commission liaisons. Mr. Benton attended Open Space where there was a discussion of the West Vincent Highlands Historic District. Cindy Clark was present and reported that the Historic Resources Committee is restarting in-person meetings.

8. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

There was no business from the floor.

9. ADJOURN:

Business having been completed, **MOTION** for adjournment was made by Mr. Benton; second by Mr. Wise. *Motion carries unanimously.* Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Kate Farnham, Vice-Chair