

**WEST VINCENT TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

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

Attendance: Bob Wise, Chair; Karl Brachwitz; Peter Benton (via phone); Bernie Couris, Township Supervisor. Absent: Kate Farnham, Vice-Chair; Thomaseth Dulchinos.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Mr. Wise called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting of the Historical Commission prepared by Ms. Farnham were distributed. **MOTION** by Mr. Brachwitz for approval of the minutes; second by Mr. Benton. *Motion carries unanimously.*

**3. APPLICATIONS:**

**2200 Flowing Springs Road (Former Schoolhouse):**

Stephen Foley, of Foley Beam Architecture presented information about a proposed 540 square foot, one-story, stone-walled (clad), addition. Addition will be on SW elevation of Schoolhouse, currently the rear of the building, near its west corner, creating an L shape. Project will include full renovation of first floor, open interior, and on the exterior, cedar roof, restoration of school copula, removal of fire escape, and repair of stucco walls (although may wish to remove stucco pending exploratory work in location of addition). Discussion included whether first floor was originally stucco and whether second floor is stone. The current stucco is not original. Karl believes building was always clad in stucco and that is the historic feature which should remain. Mr. Foley discussed returning with full set of plans and renderings. Mr. Wise voiced concern about the official status of the application and said he will check with zoning officer.

**1403 Hollow Road (Birchrunville Store Café):**

Michael Labetti, designer/contractor for the project, was present for the Applicant/Owner (Francis Pascal) as was owner's wife, Nui. Discussion was informal, and no new plans were submitted. Mr. Labetti said they were still looking at size of deck, stair location, and enclosure for dumpster, other design details. (These items and others were discussed at the September meeting.) Discussion included how to integrate lower area under deck, and whether it should be screened from the road with lattice. No vote was undertaken.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**Township Barn:**

Bernie Couris briefly discussed the possible use of solar panels on barn.

**Opalanie Park:**

Panel drafts have been reviewed by some commission members and finalization of text expected shortly. Bob said he would check with John Granger, Twp. Manager, regarding name of sign fabricator and graphic designer. HRC member Cindy Clark said photos may exist for panels. Ken Alan, 21 Ivy Lane also discussed panels.

**1461 Pottstown Pike:**

Peter Benton will follow up with township regarding attempt to contact owner regarding roofing issue on farmhouse (demolition by neglect).

**1925 French Creek Road:**

House has been demolished and site has been cleared. Parking for property will be near road. This item will be removed from discussion. On that note, Karl recommended that the agenda include only formal discussion items per ordinance.

**HRC Meeting:**

Cindy Clark said meeting have been moved to October 18.

**5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Demolition by Neglect:**

Bernie mentioned three properties and questioned status: Girl Scout Camp on Beaver Hill Road, Township Barn, and Griffith property. No one could address these issues.

**6. PROJECTS:**

There were no updates.

**7. REPORTS:**

HRC: Cindy Clark mentioned HRC was developing a “Tea with Isabelle” event(s) and an oral history program.

**8. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

There was no business from the floor, as audience members already brought up various topics during previous agenda items.

**9. ADJOURN:**

Business having been completed, **MOTION** for adjournment was made by Mr. Brachwitz; second by Mr. Benton. *Motion carries unanimously.* Meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Wise, Chair