

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Minutes for April 18, 2007

Present: Bill Beute, Caryl Brackenridge, Keith Hayes, Paul Krylowski, Susan Penney, Barbara Rossi, and Eileen Stokes.

This regularly scheduled April meeting of the Historic Preservation Commission, having been advertised in the *Observer-Tribune* on January 4, 2007, and posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board, was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

The minutes from the March 21, 2007, meeting were approved as written

Applicants

There were no applicants

New Business

Zion Lutheran Church - Representatives of the church appeared before the HPC for a pre-application discussion. Present were Peg Humke, Reverend Peter Froehlke, and architect John Heyrich. Commissioner Barbara Rossi recused herself from the discussion.

The preliminary discussion involved the presentation of a concept plan for a new parish center. Eileen Stokes and architect John Heyrich had briefly discussed the concept in a previous telephone conversation.

The concept presented involved a large addition requiring the demolition of the Bartley house at 11 Schooley's Mountain Road. HPC informed the church representatives that the demolition could be a problem as the house is listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places as part of the German Valley Historic District and is specifically mentioned as an example of a "pattern book Victorian." HPC and the church representatives also discussed possible alternatives.

Postcard design/content for homeowners in the historic districts - Paul Krylowski described a possible card with historic photos and the municipal seal on the front. The back would have a link to the HPC web site. HPC needs to think about wording.

Preservation Award nominations - Commissioners discussed the homes that have been nominated so far.

CLG grant application - The township is applying for a grant to update the Historic Preservation ordinance, which has not been updated in 21 years.

Old Business

Columbia Trail parking - Ken Short met with County representatives on April 11. The number of parking spaces has been reduced.

2007 Municipal Directory - The HPC listing has been finalized. Eileen will review it and will ask that "required" be underlined. HPC should rewrite this for next year.

Educational Opportunities

May 23, 2007 - Drew University is hosting New Jersey's annual historic preservation conference, entitled "Our Towns, Our Land, Our Heritage: Sustaining NJ's Legacy." Organizers are also planning a pre-conference bus tour of Morris County resources and a reception at Fosterfields on May 22.

Handout

"Municipal Land Use Law" - Commissioner should read this handout regarding New Jersey statutes on this subject, as our Historic Preservation Ordinance is based on this.

The next meetings will be May 16, 2007.

This meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Caryl R. Brackenridge, Secretary