

Delaware Township Historical Advisory Committee

Minutes: May 8, 2019 7:30PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Nancy Bond, Bob Chamberlain, Marilyn Cummings, Tim Davis, Chuck Taylor

Visitors: None

Approve last month's minutes: The committee corrected and approved the minutes for the April 10, 2019 meeting.

Projects:

1. **Moore Cemetery:** We have a scheduled visit to the Moore Cemetery with the Moores and Bob Leith of the Hunterdon County Historical Society, Kate Fullerton, the new Delaware Township open space coordinator, and other interested people: 2pm on 5/11/19, meeting at the Amwell Church of the Brethren to car pool.
2. **Holcombe House:** Jeff Marshall of the Heritage Conservancy has let us know that the Conservancy's board of directors has agreed to accept ownership of the easement. Delaware Township Historical Society has agreed to raise the \$20,000 fee to endow the easement for perpetual maintenance by Heritage Conservancy. Sue Lockwood has let us know the next step is for the township attorney to transfer the easement to the Heritage Conservancy.

There are still a few outstanding issues holding up approval of the owners' construction plans, including whether they will be allowed to remove the parging on the stone walls under the porch, and what material to use for the main roofs.
3. **Saxtonville Tavern:** No news, waiting to hear from Mark Texel.
4. **Reading School:** Liza Davis has accepted the challenge of doing publicity for Delaware Township Historical Society and its group that is working on restoring the school building and grounds. This will include setting up a page to let the people know what we are doing, and where and when to help. Chuck has a to-do list.
5. **Sergeantsville sidewalks:** The repaving of CR 523 has become a concern. The sidewalks on both sides of the road north of the blinking light, up to the feed store, have been removed and the sidewalks are now asphalt. Marilyn will speak to SHPO, and Tom Matthews, County Engineer will be asked to come and inspect what has been done.
6. **Historic bridges update:** Marilyn consulted with Michael Cuba, a timber frame expert. He said the roof was never timber frame. He said the roof line could be raised, to make more vertical clearance. And he suggested use of white oak instead of treated wood.

Then the question was if the roof is raised, what about the siding, making a gap.

7. Historic districts road work: See item 5.

8. Historical site signs: Not much news.

10. Stockton and Flemington Development updates: Not much discussion.

New Business: None

Public Comments, Questions, Suggestions: None

Adjournment: 10:10 PM.