

***East Whiteland Township***  
***Monthly Historical Commission Meeting Minutes***  
***Wednesday, August 19***

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7PM Virtual

**PRESENT:** Sylvia Baker, Jeff Dore, Mark Keilbaugh, Zach Barner (EWT Planning),

**GUESTS:** Brittany Carosello (EWT Planning), Tim Caban (Chester County Historical)

**DISCUSSION:** Introduction of the new member Mark Keilbaugh. Each member introduced themselves to Mark.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- ✓ The minutes from previous July meeting were presented and accepted by a majority.
- ✓ The reconstruction of the Flat Road cemetery was reviewed. Zach Barner showed pictures of the new wall. All members approved of the excellent workmanship. The East Whiteland Township and Historical Commission thanks the builders for such a great job on the wall renewal.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- ✓ Last month the Commission agreed to allow the developer of the surrounding property to mow the graveyard and fix the fencing around the Ebenezer AME Church at Bacton Hill. The Commission remains concerned about the trees surrounding the church ruins as they may affect the foundation. Peter Spengeman is taking interest in the church and will be in touch with Mt Zion AME in Devon as they have been working with the commission to uphold the historical value of the site and the area around Bacton Hill.
- ✓ The history book written by Susan Evans and EW Historical Commission member Theresa Schatz has been sold out. The printer will be contacted for more issues of the book. Jeff Dore will get in touch with the Masthof Press for information about a new order for the Township.

- ✓ A Facebook page for the Historical Commission was discussed as well as an update of the Historical Commission piece on the township website. Our new member Mark is looking into the idea.
- ✓ The Gunkle Mill wheel is under construction and will be ready to install sometime in September. The retaining wall which will surround the wheel will not be ready in time for delivery of the wheel. In working through the township process a new wall may not be ready until sometime in November. A discussion ensued about where to store the wheel in the interim.
- ✓ Future Projects: The commission discussed the possibility of a review of the original criteria for the Historical Sites List of the Township and the possibility that some sites may need to be purged/added to the list.
- ✓ EWTownship changes: Possible restructuring of township commissions has been in discussion. Jeff Dore is asking for a draft of what is being considered.
- ✓ Tim Caban informed the members that the Chester County Town Tours is going virtual this fall at [chescoplanning.org](http://chescoplanning.org).

*The minutes were accepted by the commission in November meeting.*