

East Whiteland Township

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

PRESENT: Nancy Dore, Jeffrey Dore, Sylvia Baker, Bill Shipley, Ian Scott, Samantha Jouin, Tim Caban (recorder)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:30 P.M.

DISCUSSION:

- Guest Ginny Berger of *Philadelphia Sign Co.* returned to request approval on a few new sign designs for the property at 680 Swedesford Road. Ms. Berger was acting on behalf of the Allstate Insurance Company currently leasing an office at that location. She presented the commissioners with several new ideas for sign location and design. Members voted unanimously to approve the oval clasped hand design with Allstate letters above.
- Tom MacCroy, Mike MacCroy and attorney Vince Donohue appeared to request a demolition permit for the Importer Barn structure as well as the ruins in the back. They explained that they have tried to find a use for the building for the last 10 years and have been unsuccessful. The members requested that they provide a Historic Impact Study for the property. We also agreed to arrange for a site visit to view the current condition of the Importer barn.
- A representative from the new owners of Loch Aerie next to Home Depot came to request our feedback on their planned adaptive reuse of the building. They showed us a plan to add an addition on the back of the building to be used as part of an event planning business. They also plan to demolish the rear wooden porch as the addition is added. They plan to do some internal demolition of the old kitchen to bring it up to modern standards and restore the internal staircase and first floor as close to the original as possible. The commission agreed with their vision and asked to be included in the discussion as the plan develops.
- Dale Frens – Architect, met with our commission to discuss his proposal to help us define a vision for Gunkle Spring Mill and address the challenges of ADA access, parking and bathrooms as part of the report that he will provide. The members voted unanimously to engage Mr Frens with his proposal, with cost not to exceed \$5,500.

- Meeting adjourned at 9:35 P.M.

Note: The minutes were unanimously approved by the Chair and members of the commission present.