

Minutes of Meeting: LMT Historic Commission: May 8, 2024 At 7:32 pm Joe called to order.

All members present except Chris Greeley, (issues with work), Mitch, and Suzanne, zoom open.

Minutes from April Meeting presented, Chair comment on the lack of attendance of our Supervisor, Suzanne. No solution decided. Cathy motioned to approve minutes, Tom seconded, Vote approved.

Brief discussion on definition of “Historic” for the Demolition Ordinance—put off to later on the agenda.

No Treasurers Report since nothing included or dispersed. Tom noted current amount : \$15,401.43.

Discussion followed on Joe’s announcement of 4 prospective articles on the township in the B. C. Herald. Group unified on 4 topics: Overall history of Yardley/LMT, Education as a highlight of the area, Patterson Farm, and local families. Helen will concentrate on 1 and 2, Joe and Cathy will tackle 3 and 4. Cathy asked for email input.

Anti-Demolition of significant historic properties and benign neglect discussion followed. We determined how we feel “historic” may be described for township significance, relating to our up-coming survey of existing properties. We then discussed the process for owners of such properties demanding permission to completely or partially demolish such property. We listed possible requirements that such permits might require to be registered. These will be further worked out by the township attorney. We will rely on similar legislation already enacted and successfully applied in other local municipalities. If we cannot dissuade an owner from such action we will request the township require a recorded de-construction and all possible salvage of unique materials. Joe will present this proposed ordinance by a powerpoint to the BOS after a motion by Helen, second by Tom, unanimously accepted by the Commission.

Monica presented our numerous choices for America 2026! List will be forwarded to Township staff.

Brief discussions of Award in Harrisburg in September, on cemetery and up-coming grave LIDAR. New Ghost Tour also on horizon. Cathy working on new biographies.

Historic Resource Project and House Survey Project still on hold. Jim, Jeff, and Mitch will head these up. More papers and mostly photos, negatives and slides from Michelle Stambaugh who is moving away and found these, collected by other previous heads of this Commission presented by Helen to Joe.

Tom moved to adjourn, Cathy seconded. Adjourned 9:15 pm. Next meeting June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Heinz