Uwchlan Township Historical Commission Minutes of Meeting – March 11, 2021 Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Chair Lee Wisdom

Members present: Lee Wisdom, Art Meister, Patti Meister, Teddi Wright, Holly Lopacki, Judy Haupt, Lou Paul & Mike Huffman.

Members excused: Tash Kassam (Ex-Officio), Millie Haeberle (Ex-Officio), Rita Arlinghaus (Ex-Officio), Chuck Jackson (Ex-Officio), Elise Jackson (Ex-Officio).

Members Absent: None

Guests: John T. Neilson representing "The Happy Days Farm" land development project.

Minutes of the February 11, 2021 Historical Commission zoom meeting were approved by voice vote. Motion to accept was made by Chair Lee Wisdom, motion was seconded by Vice Chair Art Meister.

Old Business

<u>Chairs Report</u> Lee Wisdom brought up concerns about the farmhouse that is located on the Liongate property. The exterior of the building's appearance seems to indicate that on-going maintenance is being conducted. The condition of the inside of the building is questionable as to being up to code. What the current owner is planning to do with the structure remains in flux with the possibility of it being up for sale.

Lee further updated the Commission members on the condition of the Lionville Station Historic Properties. Mr. Neil Fisher from the Hankin Group has indicated that the buildings were "recapped" this past June.

Lee also stated that the UTHC membership in the CCHPN is a separate membership from the CC Historical Society and both memberships have been renewed.

UTHC is currently short 5 members and both Lee and Lou know individuals who might be interested in becoming members,

<u>Vice Chair Report</u> – Art has been researching computers and indicated that most of the ones that would fill our needs are in the \$800 to \$1400 price range.

Office Manager's Report: The question arose about digitalizing the Cadwalader files to provide a way of preserving and safeguarding our accumulated township records. Lee Wisdom suggested that if we go this way, we might get help in this area from HS students doing it for required school projects. More discussion on this to follow.

Mike Huffman reported that we currently have a new telephone and alarm system. Installed. The new telephone # is 610-363-4944 while the alarm code remains the same..

<u>Treasurer's report</u> – None received as of meeting date.

Sub-Committee Reports:

<u>Township Liaison Report:</u> Lee attended the zoom BOS on March 8th. Leer indicated that Neil Fisher of the Hankin Group has stated that the Happersett House on the Sovergn property is an assert that they are going to preserve and maintain. The revised development plan shows that instead of a road going from the Severgn complex to Whitford Road there will be a private drive with three parking spots dedicated to the Happersett House.

Planning Commission Liaison: No meeting in March.

<u>Publicity</u>: Mike Huffman submitted an article on the John Cadwalader House to the Township to use in their Spring E-News- letter.

<u>Library:</u> Lee Wisdom indicated that were a few requests for information on Uwchlan family history.

Open House 2020 Schedule: Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic it will be a wait and see as to what will happen in 2021. As of now no open houses are scheduled.

New Business: None reported.

Other Business: Judy Haupt is continuing to research Juneteenth information and activities as it relates to Uwchlan Township. Of special interest was the roll of John Vickers as Underground Railroad manager in Uwchlan Township.

Next Meeting Thursday April 7, 2021 at 7:30 PM, it will be a Zoom Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM by Chair Lee Wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Huffman Secretary For the Commission