

Thornbury Township  
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting  
Minutes of October 26, 2015

The minutes of the July meeting were unanimously approved.

Supervisor Bob Anthony provided details about the renovations to the Squire Cheyney springhouse. A bid was received from Pfaff Brothers and the supervisors have decided that they will hire the company to do the repairs to the springhouse roof. Because the cost of doing the restoration of the roof to historic standards would have cost about \$100,000, the board of supervisors decided to invest \$23,000 in installing a standing seam metal roof. Ken Pfaff will be providing color samples that Judy will share with the HPC. Crushed rock has been placed on the springhouse floor as a means to stabilize the springhouse and provide a uniform interior surface.

Upon further discussion, the HPC asked if, in addition to color, it could review the type of metal roof under consideration. A concern was expressed that a steel standing seam metal roof would appear inappropriately "industrial", given the age and the context of the springhouse. Supervisor Anthony agreed to give the HPC the opportunity to review a sample of materials, but emphasized that the collective review would need to occur expeditiously.

A google search during the meeting of sheet metal materials revealed an alternative that appears to be embossed with a shingle design, which the HPC favored. Judy will research the availability of this style, along with another sample that Supervisor Anthony discovered online.

It was also agreed that the HPC would take a site visit to the park to determine the best landscaping choices for the springhouse. Questions about mowing and fencing need to be addressed.

Judy Lizza reported that the Cheyney house is going to be on the market. She also reported that the HPC's request to visit the Rokeby property has been transmitted to Wayne McGill, but no response has been received. The HPC will require access to the property in order to fulfill its responsibilities under the zoning ordinance.

The HPC has been working to update to the Historic Preservation Zoning ordinance. It is recommending that a Zoning Map be adopted that identifies Class 1 and 2 historic resources, which will be under jurisdiction of the HPC. A second map, which identifies Class 3 and 4 resources will also be created, however, those historic resources will fall outside of the review and comment responsibilities of the HPC.

It was noted that a hearing on the new ordinance would need to be scheduled and all owners of Class 1 and 2 historic resource properties would be notified of the hearing. In addition, each of those properties would be posted with a notice of the hearing. It was agreed that an article about the proposed changes should appear in the Gander in advance of the notices, so that property owners would have context for the change in zoning.

It was decided that Kris and Dick would continue to work on the edits and forward it them to Molly for review, in advance of the November 11 meeting. It is hoped that the revised ordinance could be forwarded to the Supervisors in time for their December meeting.

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