

THORNBURY TOWNSHIP (CHESTER COUNTY)
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Wednesday, July 16, 2014

Present: Randell Spackman, Michele Thackrah, Kris Walker, Dick Webster.
Jacqui Guenther, Township Manager. Peter Simone and Matthew Bradley from
Simone Collins, Landscape Architecture.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 18, 2014, were approved as distributed.

2. Springhouse Update

Randell Spackman reported on his walk-about survey of the springhouse with Amish craftsmen. The absence of the second floor is allowing the roof to splay out. The springhouse drain is clogged, flooding the ground level. The craftsmen's ballpark estimate to stabilize the building is \$20,000 to \$30,000. The commission awaits a written estimate and Dale Frens's evaluation before it makes a recommendation.

3. Oral History Project

Kris Walker will soon hear Chris Lang's response about conducting interviews.

4. *The Gander* Article

Molly Morrison will write on open space for the fall issue of *The Gander*.

5. Tribute to Chris Lang

Dick Webster reported that Alfredo's at The Commons at Thornbury could provide a tribute dinner for as many as fifty people, either a la carte or buffet. Michel Thackrah will seek a printmaker to make a print of the springhouse, with the purpose of presenting the first one to Chris Lang and sell others as a fund-raiser for the springhouse's preservation.

6. Squire Cheyney Park Interpretive Signs

Peter Simone explained the nature and placement of the signs and answered questions. The commission decided to have four signs: Township History, Squire Cheyney as Patriot, Squire Cheyney as Farmer, Agricultural Landscape. Dick Webster will write first drafts for the signs and seek illustrations at Chester County Historical Society. The commission will determine the signs' placement after the path has been determined.

7. Township Seal

The commission encouraged the township manager to conduct a design competition in nearby schools for a new township seal.

Richard J. Webster
Commission Secretary

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 10, 2014.