

# **Caln Historical Commission Meeting Minutes**

## **Caln Municipal Building, Wed Jan 15th, 2020 (7:30-9:00 PM)**

Historical Commission Member Attendees: (4 – Quorum)

- Catherine Callahan, Chair
- Lorraine Tindaro, Vice-Chair
- Leah Jennings
- Mark Evans

Historical Commission Member Non-attendees (1):

- Dawn Coughlan

Historical Commission Guests (1):

- Mike Bedrick

### **OPENING:**

The was called to order by Cathy Callahan at 7:32PM

### **MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE**

The meeting immediately went into a discussion of non-attendance at meetings and whether or not to reappoint Dawn Coughlin at the upcoming BOC meeting. Mike Bedrick suggested adding language to our charter along the lines of “if 4 consecutive meetings, or a total of 6 meetings are missed over the course of a year, that member will be removed from the Commission”. Mark inquired about the status of Member Coughlan as minutes from the July meeting suggested that there was ongoing discussion of removing her for non-attendance. It was decided that due to already dwindling membership we would revisit the attendance language once membership has increased. Cathy Callahan offered to reach out to Dawn Coughlin to gauge her interest in staying on.

There was also discussion that not everyone is aware of CHC Meeting Schedule for 2020.

Mark Evans volunteered to type up the 2020 Meeting Schedule and transit to membership

**Lorraine Tindaro stressed the importance of adding to our membership**

### **CHC SECRETARY:**

There was a discussion on the need for notes and minutes. Mark Evans volunteered to act as CHC Secretary.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Edge’s Mill (Was listed under NEW BUSINESS on Agenda): Cathy Callahan reported on progress toward getting her house added to the National Historic Registry

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- a. Bob Wise needs more info for whole block to be designated Hx Overlay. Said he needs to speak with Kristen Denny
  - i. Suggested that he take a BOC member with him
  - ii. Cathy and Leah concerned that overlay district will not pass due to trees being taken down
  - iii. There was much frustration over the process of designation

**Mark Evans made a motion to “write a letter to Wise that we’re interested in Edge’s Mill Hx District, and if he’s meeting with anyone from the Township, the CHC would like him to please bring one of us along”.**

**Motion seconded by Lorraine Tindaro**

**Vote called by Cathy.**

**Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

**2. Spackman Farm**

- a. Discussion of recommendations made by Paul Stephens, referred to as “The Denny Report”, and that we needed to get a copy of it.
  - i. Mike Bedrick confirmed that Mr. Stephens had created a report that itemized preservation needs by priority
    - Air Movement within the House is most immediate issue, need to assess availability of electric before we can do anything
      - ❖ Mark Evans said he would reach out to Ray Stackhouse regarding the quality and safety of current electrical wiring
- b. There was discussion among the group regarding the previous BOC’s shortcomings in regard to Historic Preservation.

**3. Lloyd Farm**

- a. There was a discussion of alternate uses for the property, other than development
  - i. Mark Evans mentioned a winery with a tasting room and cheese shop
  - ii. Mark Evans talked about the intersection of Lloyd and Manor being the “front Porch” of the East end of Caln
    - Cathy said the intersection is “Prime for Beauty”
    - Mike Bedrick suggested that “beauty is never a burden” and that part of our mission to improve the face of the Township is by planting trees all around the Township, and especially at important intersections, with signs that say “Caln is a Tree City”

**4. Schoolhouse**

- a. Cathy stated that all funding for preserving the Schoolhouse comes from the Township
- b. Leah expressed concerns about the roof
  - i. Mike Bedrick suggested that Ray Stackhouse could inspect it

**Mark Evans proposed a motion to approach Ray Stackhouse, ask him to inspect the roof, and advise us on its condition.**

**Motion seconded by Lorraine Tindaro.**

**Vote called by Cathy. Motion passed unanimously 4-0**

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**5. Guidelines for Signage**

***Mark Evans made a motion that this be tabled until February meeting.***

***Second by Leah***

***Vote called by Cathy.***

***Vote passed unanimously 4-0***

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**PRESERVATION**

1. Mark Evans brought up the importance of Historical Protections being written into Law
2. Cathy presented the East Brandywine Hx Ordinance
  - ❖ Mark Evans to scan and distribute to Membership
  - ❖ Discussed possible clause requiring any developers who want to develop near HX properties to first meet with the CHC
  - ❖ Mike Bedrick suggested bringing in owners of Hx properties within the Township to share their views with the commission
3. President Callahan stated that the CHC should consider membership with the Chester County Historical Preservation Commission
  - ❖ Mark Evans asked the cost of Membership, President Callahan stated it was \$85 annually
    - Mark Evans suggested he would bring up approval of expenditure under ADDITIONAL BUSINESS at BOC Meeting 1/15/20

**EDGE'S MILL DISTRICT**

- This was discussed as part of OLD BUSINESS at top of meeting

***Leah made a motion to adjourn***

***Motion seconded by Lorraine Tindaro***

***Cathy called the vote. Passed unanimously 4-0***

***The Meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM***