

**HOPE TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
March 11, 2013**

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Robert May.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

The secretary read the "Open Public Meetings Act" Under the provisions of the "Open Public Meetings Act", adequate notice of this meeting has been provided by publishing notice in the "Star Gazette" and by posting notices in the Hope Post Office and on the Township Bulletin Board all on February 1, 2013.

Present at this meeting were: Chairman, Robert May, Vice Chairman, Gerry Manger and members: Mary Billow, Verity Fox, Darren Koeppen, Lacey McDonough, and Julie Steven. Absent were members: Jane Guthrie and Henry Morgan.

MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of February 11, 2013 were presented to the commission members at this meeting along with the agenda packet as the secretary was out of town the week before and was not able to get the packets in the mail in time for the meeting. After a brief discussion, the members decided to hold the vote on the minutes of February 11 off until the April meeting so that all would have the opportunity to review them.

APPLICATIONS 13-04 - 329 Johnsonburg Rd., Jane Primarano/Paul and Emily Brown. Both Paul and Emily Brown were present for this application. Emily indicated that they would be purchasing the property at 329 Johnsonburg Rd. The house was built in the 1920's. The question was raised whether it could possibly be one of the Sears Catalog houses? It was decided that it very well could be. Emily then passed around pictures showing the house and a conceptual drawing of what they would be doing to the front of the house. She indicated that the siding would be a wedgewood blue, and the intention is to take out the three tall windows in the front that are there now and replace them with two 42"x32" windows, with mullions and add vinyl shutters in black. Paul noted that the roof of the house is in good shape.

In addition to the changes to the structure, Paul indicated that he intends to remove the big tree in front of the house – the power company has cut into it already. He would like to plant a smaller variety tree in its place. May suggested that this be indicated on the application.

At this point, Billow noted that the Browns are not currently the owners of the house, Jane Primerano is. For that reason, she should be the one to sign the application. Emily indicated that that should be no problem, Jane will come in and sign the application.

Manger suggested that when the property is purchased, it be done in such a way that the two properties remain separate. The Brown's noted that they were aware of this and indicated that 327 Johnsonburg Rd. is currently in Paul's name and 329 will be in Emily's name.

A motion was made to approve the application by Billow, seconded by Manger. Roll call: McDonough-yes, Fox-yes, Koeppen-yes, Steven-yes, Billow-yes, Manger-yes, May-yes. The Chairman signed and sealed the approved application.

APPLICATIONS AT DEADLINE It was noted that the applications that were approved in March two years ago have all been completed as proposed.

OLD BUSINESS The question was raised about the status of the Hewitt House on Walnut St. Manger noted that he has 3 people that are interested at this time and another couple walked in off the street, recently, to look at it, so things are progressing. Manger noted that he hands out a packet of costs associated with renovating the house. The total comes to somewhere between \$158,000.00 - \$162,000.00.

NEW BUSINESS Billow noted that her daughter had gotten a new dog. In order to contain the dog and prevent her from running out into the road, a small area behind the house is being fenced in. Billow questioned whether an application would be necessary for the fence. It was briefly discussed and decided that it would not be necessary for a temporary fence of that nature.

CORRESPONDENCE The secretary noted that Carol Kernoschak dropped off a copy of the Slippery Rock Gazette from TN. The author of the article was in Hope and Kernoschak led him around to different spots within the Township. Once the article was printed, the author sent Kernoschak several copies of the magazine.

The secretary reported to the Commission members that the Environmental Commission and Green Team have been working for over 3 years on obtaining Sustainable Jersey Certification. They have just been informed that they have achieved the Bronze Level certification. The Commission members agreed that this was quite an achievement. The secretary was instructed to write a letter of congratulations to the Environmental Commission and Green Team.

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business before the Commission a motion was made by Billow, seconded by Fox to adjourn the meeting. By voice vote, all were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Gabel, secretary