

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes of March 6, 2024

Historical Commission Volunteer Attendees:

- Mary Schlachter
- Jane Yeksigian

Guests:

- Mr. Ken Battin, London Grove Township Manager
- Ms. Dawn Maciejczyk, London Grove Township Assistant Manager

Minutes:

The 2024 Historical Commission Goals spread sheet tasks were reviewed with no significant status updates. Format changes were proposed with serial codes assigned for each functional area and a business rule whereby: "Completed actions will be retained for one cycle, whereupon the completed tasks will be transferred to the "Completed Actions" listing."

Mr. Battin and Ms. Maciejczyk joined the meeting to discuss a property that London Grove Township is purchasing. The property is located at the corner of East Avondale Road and is comprised of five acres. A three-acre lot and two acres with a house. The township is purchasing the three acres. They indicated they don't believe this is on the London Grove Township historic map. The Historical Commission is tasked with researching the property once the township completes the purchase. They recommend a site visit later this year in the autumn or in the early spring of 2025. Some of the actions/questions we are tasked to review is: is this property valuable – what level of value is the site? We are tasked to assess if this should be a new historical site, or enlarge the existing site to include this property. We need to update the map (township GIS). The "Blowser (sp?) " property is adjacent. We were provided a historical write-up titled "The Old Mushroom House at Wickerton" to include with our research and retain for our Historical records. This effort will be added to the 2024 Goals matrix.

The meeting adjourned with a proposal to reschedule April's meeting from the 3rd of April to the 2nd of April due to schedule conflicts.

Future business:

The next Historical Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 2024 @ 1PM.

Agenda:

1. Review and update the Historic Commission action item list (attached).
2. Discuss the Chester County 250th Zoom of 22 March, and the Chester County 250th luncheon of 23 March.
3. Proposal to include Historical Commission articles promoting area historic homes as a regular update to each London Grove Township Newsletter.

Attachments: (1) The Historical Commission 2024 Goals Matrix (updated 26 March, 2024).
(2) An article "The Old Mushroom House at Wickerton" (this supports the township property purchase).

