

**TREDYFFRIN TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
MEETING MINUTES**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2009

Members: Charlene Csinicsek, Jim Garrison, Polly Hagan, Emmy Baldassarre

Board of Supervisors Liaison:

Township Staff:

Residents/Guests: Susanna M. Baum and Shield McFadden of the Diamond Rock School House and Michael Pilotti, Tredyffrin Township Building Official

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM

Guests were introduced and the future of the Diamond Rock School House was discussed. Ms. Baum and Ms. McFadden asked how to get additional volunteers and raise interest in the historic property. As the mission of the Tredyffrin Township Historic Trust is advocacy and education for non-profit groups in Tredyffrin Township and Chester County, they will contact Pattye Benson for help and information.

Approval of the Minutes – The minutes were approved.

Discussion regarding the Draft Ordinance Amendment - Historic Overlay District Memo

Comments on the draft ordinance include:

Add the following wording to Section A of Conditional Use Review Section: Demolition, reconstruction or alteration “*as defined by the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and is visible from a public way*” of any structure....

Add the following wording to the definition of Conditional Use: ... are authorized or denied by the BOS after review and recommendation by the *Historic Commission for Historic Properties* and the Planning Commission for *all other applications* as provided in Section 208-117.

Add the correct addresses to the protected property list.

An email containing the definitions will be sent to the members who did not attend the meeting and a response within one week will be requested.

New Business

Either the Whittle House or the Maxwell Cottage was demolished by the Valley Forge National Park. The HARB members questioned the relevance of keeping the properties in VFNP on the protect properties list of our new Ordinance if the Township is not permitted to regulate their demolition and construction.

The members in attendance approved a **RESOLUTION** to strenuously object to the demolition of any structures in Valley Forge National Park.

There being no other matters, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.