

**Approved MINUTES**  
**THORNBURY TOWNSHIP (CHESTER COUNTY)**  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

Present: Anne Dzamba, Chris Lang (chair), Tom Spackman, Kris Walker, Dick Webster.  
(Supervisors Bob Miller and Ed Travis)

1. Approval of Minutes

The commission approved the minutes of April 13, 2011, as revised.

2. Squire Cheyney Farm

Past Correspondence. Chris Lang updated Dale Frens's estimates for reducing the barn to a stabilized ruin (approx. \$309,000) and for restoring it (approx. \$616,000), and distributed 2005-2010 correspondence and recommendations to the supervisors.

Supervisors' Work Session. Tom Spackman reported that most supervisors favor selling the farm buildings, but Ed Travis proposed a public option. Wording changes has slowed transfer of title. The township's solicitor recommends changes to the deed be made after title transfer by seeking permission to subdivide from Orphans' Court.

The commission and the two supervisors discussed sale options, the farmstead's National Register status in case of changes to buildings, and the use of a facilitator to engage various stakeholders in the property and gather public input. Chris Lang reviewed the six steps outlined in May 2009 for selling the property but little can be done until the township acquires ownership, probably within the next three months.

3. Oral History Project

C. Lang and T. Spackman will interview Pete Galatino and Ellen Manganaro next.

4. Historic Preservation Commission Articles for *The Gander*

The Beehive (written by Chris Lang) will be the next featured building, due May 27. Next will be Green Shadows by Kris Walker, due in August.

5. Barn Survey

The barn survey will be conducted this summer.

6. Historic Preservation Record Keeping

Chris Lang delivered the Westtown Post Office 20<sup>th</sup>-century records to Chester County Historical Society.

Richard J. Webster  
Commission Secretary

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 8, 2011, at 7:30 P.M.**