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AGENDA **Westtown Township Board of Supervisors** **Workshop Agenda**

Westtown Township Municipal Building
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

Monday, March 18, 2024

Start time: 6:30 PM Workshop

- 1. Discussion with Historical Commission Regarding 2024 Priorities – 40 minutes**
- 2. Discussion with Natural Lands Regarding Fundraising Campaign – 10 minutes**
- 3. Public Comment on Workshop Items* - 10 minutes**

Tonight's Workshop will be viewable on Zoom via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89939917814https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89939917814>

Or by phone at: 646-558-8656

**The public comment period at the end of the Workshop will last approximately 10 minutes. The public will be asked to limit their remarks to two minutes each to allow others an opportunity to speak. To the extent that further public comment is required, speakers will be asked to save their remarks until the Public Comment - Non-Agenda Items portion of the Regular Board of Supervisors Meeting.*

Memo

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Westtown Historical Commission
Date: March 13, 2024
Re: Westtown Historical Commission 2024 Goals Overview

Mission Statement (Article XXIV Historic Preservation, §170-2400.A):

The mission and purpose of the Historical Commission is to foster a community appreciation of the rich and varied history of the Township. This includes educating residents about lands, buildings, and sites of historic, architectural, archaeological, or cultural significance and the people who worked, farmed, and lived in Westtown Township.

A. Main Accomplishments:

1. The Taylor Monument was established, with a well-attended public event.
2. The Westtown School Tour was a hit.
3. The Good Steward Award got a lot of interest.
4. We started our lecture series, and it led to a full year of plans.

B. Not well:

1. The Historic Ordinance took longer than anticipated and is still unfinished.
2. The Historical Commission's presence at Westtown Day was not as well organized as could be, and needs to promote the commission's mission more.
3. The Oral History project was delayed, and every month that passes, counts.

C. Proposed 2024 Top Goals:

1. Complete amendments to the Historic Ordinance and have it reviewed and adopted by the Board.
2. Provide tools and information for residents to make best use of the amended ordinance including on-line information.
3. Engage the Westtown community with the lecture series, Oral History project and Westtown Day event.

Brief Summary of Historic Preservation Ordinance Amendments

Historic Ordinance Purpose:

- A. Create a comprehensive framework for the application of zoning ordinance provisions for the preservation of historic resources in Westtown Township.
- B. Seek to implement the goals of the National Historic Preservation Act of the Pennsylvania Constitution, as they relate to historic resources in Westtown Township.
- C. Discourage demolition of historic resources; and
- D. Encourage the preservation of the exterior appearance of historic resources and their settings by creating a process by which the Historical Commission is made available for the review of proposed alterations to historic resources or other proposed actions that pose potential impacts on historic resources.

The ordinance provides an advisory role for the Historical Commission. Resources will be provided, online and in meetings to help owners of historic properties protect and maintain the property cost-efficiently.