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AGENDA

Westtown Township Board of Supervisors

Workshop Agenda

Westtown Township Municipal Building
1039 Wilmington Pike, Westtown

Monday, April 1, 2024

Start time: 7:00 PM Workshop

- 1. Discussion about Historical Marker for Huey Homestead Ruins – 20 minutes**
- 2. Public Comment on Workshop Items* - 10 minutes**

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

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

To: Westtown Twp. Board of Supervisors(BOS)

Date: March 20, 2024

From: Westtown Twp. Historical Commission(WTHC)

Subject: Historical Marker for "Huey Homestead"

Action Requested:

Approval for purchase and installation of an historical roadside marker for the Huey Homestead/Ruins on Township property at S. New St. and General Howe Dr.

Discussion:

Several years ago, at the urging of the WTHC, the Township purchased the parcel of land containing the ruins of the Huey Homestead on the west side of S. New St. The Township then expended additional funds to remove vegetation and stabilize the ruins. Permission was granted for archaeological students from West Chester Univ. to study the site; artifacts were found representing several different centuries of use and occupation by Native Americans and Colonial settlers.

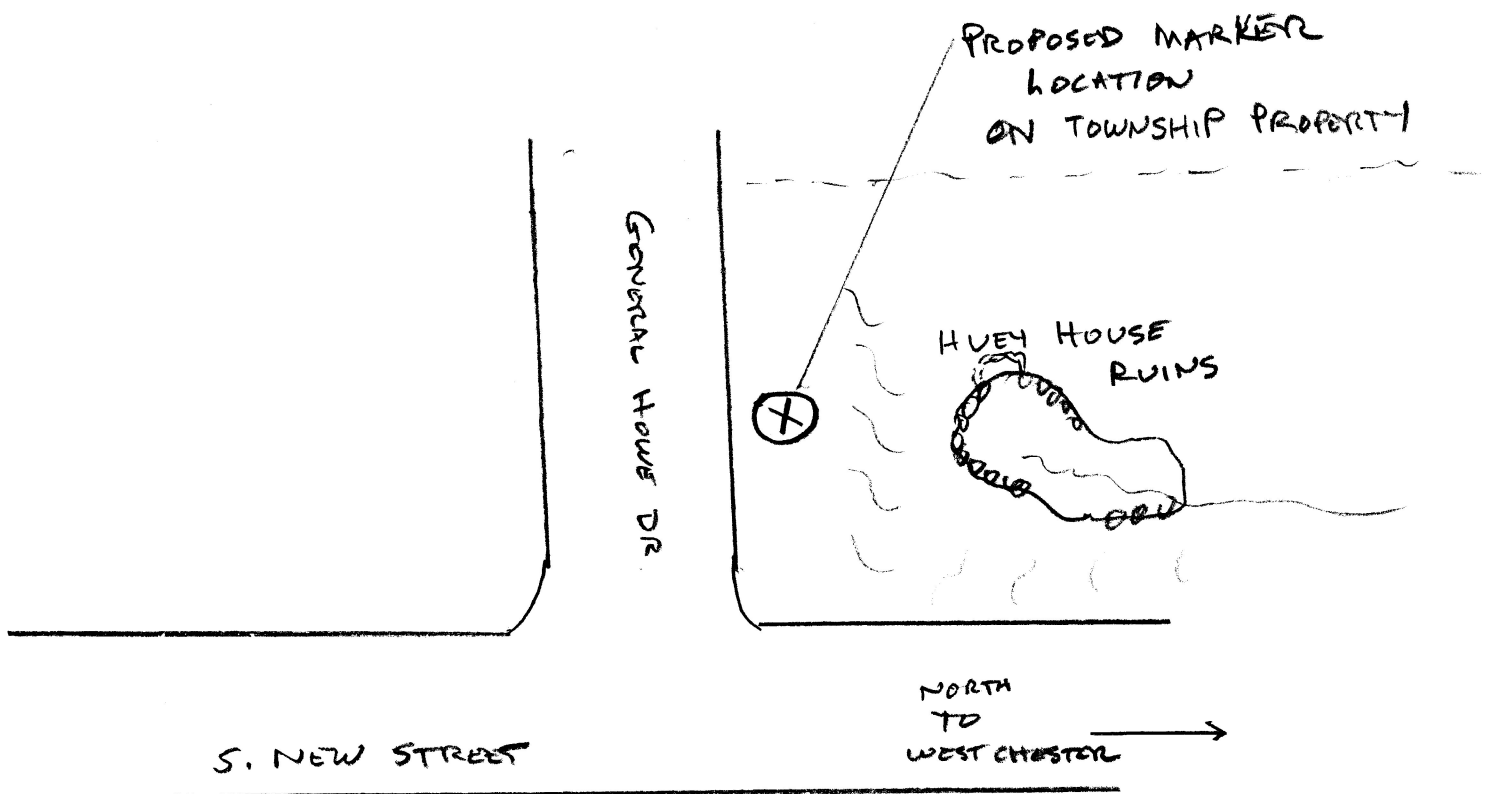
However, to date, there is no explanatory signage at the Huey Homestead ruins. The WTHC recommends that this years *budgeted* historical marker be placed here.

Attached find the wording approved by the WTHC, a map showing the proposed location (final placement to be determined in consultation with the Roadmaster), and a quote from Sewah Studios for \$2,240 (marker budgeted for 2024 at \$2,500.) Sewah manufactured the marker placed last year at the Revolutionary War Militia monument on S. Concord Rd. Note: 6 months delivery would allow for a Fall installation if ordered promptly.

HUEY HOMESTEAD

In 1730, William and Jane Huey, immigrants from Ireland and Wales, purchased 125 acres surrounding this site. They were among the earliest settlers of Westtown Township. As yeoman farmers, the family operated a small "plantation" before selling out to a neighbor, Richard Strode, in 1822. Typical of settlers in the area, the Hueys maintained a self-sufficient operation, raising dairy and beef cows, hogs, sheep, planting grain crops, and making cheese. The stone ruins here are believed to be of their two-story homestead, built over a natural spring used to cool foodstuffs. Archaeological research by West Chester University uncovered artifacts showing evidence of Lenape use of the spring long before the Huey's arrival. This site is now owned and conserved by Westtown Township.

Words: 126



190 Millcreek Rd.
Marietta, Ohio
740-373-2087



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Quote for David Walther - Westtown Township Historical Commission

29 x 23 Keystone Pattern

5/8" Text

Same Text Each Side

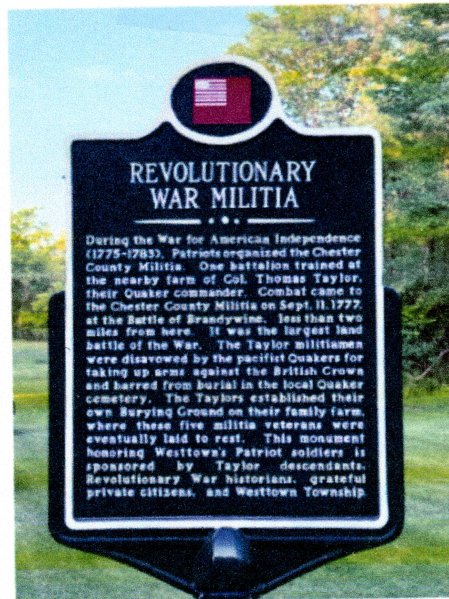
7' Post and Shipping Included:

Total: \$2,040.00

Cost to create Town Seal Etch plate: \$200.00

This is a one time cost and will be kept on file for any future markers.

This quote is good for 60 days. Sewah Studios is currently on a 6 month production schedule.



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SEAL WILL BE
AT TOP OF
MARKER

THIS IS
"KEYSTONE
PATTERN"
(SAME AS USED FOR
TAYLOR MILITIA
MONUMENT)