

EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-117

WHEREAS, The East Goshen Township Board of Supervisors adopted the Historic Preservation Ordinance on January 21, 2003 as Ordinance No. 129-B-03, which is codified in Article VI of the East Goshen Township Zoning Ordinance of 1997, as amended (the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 240-38.3 of the Ordinance, a certain structure known as an existing vacant farmhouse (the "Farmhouse") located at 1631 East Strasburg Road, East Goshen Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania, also identified as Chester County Tax Parcel No. 53-04-0135 (the "Property") was classified as a Class II Historic Resource and is listed on the Historic Resources Inventory as Historic Resource #46; and

WHEREAS, in order to remove a structure from the Class II Historic Resources Inventory, the Historical Commission must meet and provide a Recommendation to the Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2013, the owner of the Farmhouse, Susan Kody, filed an application with the Township requesting that the Farmhouse be removed from the Historic Resources Inventory (the "Application"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to public notice the East Goshen Township Historical Commission ("Historical Commission") conducted a public meeting on the Application on December 12, 2013; and

WHEREAS, following the December 12, 2013 public meeting, the Historical Commission deliberated and voted to recommend (the "Recommendation") that the Board of Supervisors remove the Farmhouse from the Historic Resources Inventory because the Farmhouse does not meet the general criteria for classification as a Class II Historic Resource as set forth in Sections 240-38.3 and 240-6 of the Ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED this 6th day of January 2014, by the Board of Supervisors of East Goshen Township, consistent with the Recommendation of the Historical Commission, the Farmhouse is removed from the Township's Historic Resources Inventory and is no longer classified as a Class II Historic Resource; provided that Applicant shall comply with the conditions in the Recommendation as follows:

1. The springhouse located on the Property to the east of the Farmhouse (the "Springhouse") must remain and be properly maintained as it continues to be a Class II Historic Resource which embodies the following criteria:

(a) has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the Township, county, region, commonwealth or nation, or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past;

(b) is associated with an event of importance to the history of the Township, county, region, commonwealth or nation;

(c) has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

2. That no area of the steep slopes or the spring which feeds the Springhouse will be adversely impacted in any way on the Property.

3. If it is determined that the Farmhouse is to be demolished, the Historical Commission shall be provided ninety (90) days written notice prior to demolition to inspect the Farmhouse and surrounding area to determine if there are any artifacts, items of interest, or items in the Farmhouse which would be removed by the Applicant or her contractor and provided to the Township at no charge and expense.

ATTEST:

**EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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