



## Pocopson Township

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### **Barnard House Steering Committee Tuesday, February 12, 2013 Meeting Notes**

**Attendees** – Georgia F. Brutscher, Chair; Committee – Laressa McNemar, John O’Neal (KURC), Jean Conary, Dennis Melton, Carol Haaf, Kris Firey-Poling, Matt Read, Richard Jensen.

**Gas line from Route 52 Intersection** – Jensen continues to work with PECO regarding reducing costs to extend the gas line to the Barnard House. He believes there are options available to reduce the previous estimates obtained by the Township that are in the \$90,000 to \$150,000 range to make the connection.

**Senator Pileggi** – Brutscher met with Senator Pileggi and agreed to send the Senator a complete site plan package with a cost breakdown for the gas line installation and a breakout of site development costs. Pileggi agreed to assist in identifying funding sources.

**Geothermal technology** – Haaf believes that the Township qualifies for the alternative and clean energy grant program previously discussed. This is a matching grant that requires payment of a \$100.00 application fee. J.K. Mechanical is a potential provider for a bid.

**Window repairs/Four first floor front (east)** – Melton is preparing a scope of work on a time and materials basis to be submitted to the Board for approval. A timeline for the bid process could include advertising in March and awarding the bid in April with work to begin by the end of April.

**Kennett Underground Railroad Center** – O’Neal reported that the KURC is willing to pledge \$50,000 toward renovation (to be contributed when sufficient funds have been raised and construction has started).

**Grants** – Firey-Poling and Conary provided a list of foundations obtained from Sarah Mims (attached).

**Block grants** – McNemar provided a report on block grants noting the competitiveness of DCED grants and that the applicability is not a fit for the Barnard House Project (report attached).

**Township open house** – Brutscher reported the Township Open House is scheduled for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Committee agreed the goal of the open should focus on all the resources provided by the Township.

**Next meeting** – the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

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## Review opportunity for Block Grant for Barnard House Renovation

27 grant/loan programs considered Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). Of those, the block grant was looked at further, as others were not applicable to a municipality or to this type of project

### 1. Community Development Block Grant: ( taken directly from the website)

HUD determines the amount of each grant by using a formula comprised of several measures of community need, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding, age of housing, and population growth lag in relationship to other metropolitan areas.

### **Eligible Activities**

Over a 1, 2, or 3-year period, as selected by the grantee, not less than 70 percent of CDBG funds must be used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. In addition, each activity must meet one of the following national objectives for the program: benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community for which other funding is not available.

Conclusion- this grant is competitive, and applicability is not a fit for the project.

### **From Sarah - Names of the foundations applied to for Schoolhouse**

Fair Play Foundation - \$60,000  
Federal Institute of Museum and Library Science ( Gerlach) - \$136.000  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania DEC Grant (2) ( Barrar) - \$125,000 and \$50,000  
The Country School Association - \$0  
Chester County Visitors Bureau - \$0  
Steward Huston Trust - \$0  
The Costume Society - \$0  
Chester County Community Foundation - \$0  
Longwood Foundation - \$0  
Pennsylvania Humanties Council - \$0  
1675 Foundation - \$0  
Butler Foundation - \$0  
Comcast Foundation - \$0  
Ford Foundation - \$0  
Getty Foundation - \$0  
J Grassman Trust - \$0  
USDA Rural Development  
Claneil - \$0  
The Connelly Foundation - \$0  
The Charles Edison Fund - \$0  
American Express Foundation - \$0  
Alexis Rosenberg Foundation - \$0  
Allen Hilles Fund - \$0  
Arcardia Foundation - \$0  
William Dietrich Foundation - \$0  
Thy Byers Foundation - \$0  
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The Hamilton Family Foundation - \$0  
FM Kirby Foundation, Inc. - \$0  
The McLean Contributionship- \$0  
Vivian O and Meyer P Potamkin Foundation- \$0  
Lawrence, Saunder Fund - \$0  
Shusterman Foundation - \$0  
Ethel Sergeant and Clark Smith Memorial Fund - \$0  
Warwick Foundation - \$0  
Houghton Carpenter Foundation - \$0  
IKON Office Solutions Foundations, Inc. - \$0  
CIGNA Foundation - \$0  
HBE Foundation - \$0

Sarah's thoughts:

**The best place to start may be Barrar. He told me that he can get us grants in 3 year cycles and it has been 3 years since our last grant.**

A good resource would be [www.pafoundations.net](http://www.pafoundations.net). — it costs \$500/year to join

I have spreadsheet with potential foundations - used to keep it updated, but has only applied for one or two grants in the past 3-4 years per direction from the Supervisors.