

Historic Preservation Commission (corrected 1.9.12)

December 5, 2011 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice (late 7:46pm)
Carol Greene
Deborah Grob
Alex Micheline
Gus Vasiliadis
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Randall Brewster (excused)
Marthajean Drago
Tony Bourgholtzer (excused)

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Minutes: November, 7, 2011 minutes. Mr. Micheline corrected under Old Business, first sentence to change Mr. Micheline suggestedto , the Chair suggested

Mrs. Grob moved to approve the December 5, 2011 minutes as corrected and Mr. Micheline seconded the motion all approved.

Chair's Report:

Winter's Farmhouse: The Chair reported that the window still has not been properly repaired and that she noticed dumping on the property. The Chair will obtain a copy of the Planning Board easement to make sure that repairs are done properly.

Ramapough Nation: Mr. Brewster, Mrs. Beatrice and Mrs. Shanley met at Stag Hill Road on November 13, 2011 with Mr. Michael Mann, Mr. Vinnie Mann, Walter Van Dunk and other members of the Ramapough Nation and did a walk through inspection of the unidentified grave stones. It was determined that grave stones have been vandalized. As a result of the property inspection, Mrs. Shanley met with Township of Mahwah Business Administrator, Brian Campion, and it was determined that the grave stones are on County of Bergen land not Township of Mahwah land. The Chair will contact Robin Brown of the County Historic Preservation for the procedure to designate these cemeteries as protected historic properties.

The Chair invited the Commission members to attend the December 15, 2011 Township Council meeting to publicly state that the HPC is in support of the Ramapough Nation in their pursuit of designating these Ramapough Nation cemeteries as protected historic properties.

Public Session: Mrs. Grob moved to open the public session and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion. All approved.

The Chair recognized Mr. Ed Goodell Executive Director of the New York/New Jersey Trail Conference. Mr. Goodell gave the HPC a progress report on the Darlington Schoolhouse renovation. Mr. Goodell reported that the work done so far is for stabilization of the building. The NY/NJTC are awaiting site approval from the State this Spring before any other work can commence and they still need parking lot approval.

The Commission thanked Mr. Goodell for keeping the HPC up to date on the project.

Mrs. Beatrice moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

Old Business:

103 Oweno Road: The Chair reported that she had called Tony Handley requesting a copy of the deed.

Moffatt Road Cemetery: The Chair reported that since the last two storms, it has been reported that there are several trees that are down in Moffatt Road Cemetery. The secretary will report this to DPW Director, Keith Hallissey, to schedule the tree removal.

Joyce Kilmer Recognition: The Commission reviewed and discussed the Joyce Kilmer Recognition suggestions that Mr. Michelini had submitted at the November 7, 2011 HPC meeting. Some of the suggestions that the Commission agreed upon were, a poetry contest, Plant a Tree on Arbor Day; Mahwah Day Joyce Kilmer Float; Township Council proclaiming February 2, 2013 as Joyce Kilmer Day, and a Joyce Kilmer exhibit at the Mahwah Library, and a fundraiser to help pay for the projects. Mr. Vasiliadis suggested that since February 2, 2013 marks the 100th anniversary Joyce Kilmer poem "Trees", that the HPC should start working on implementing the suggestions for 2013.

General Discussion:

Mr. Michelini reported that the Hopper Grist Mill historic marker is still down and needs to be repaired. The secretary will contact, DPW, to retrieve the marker.

Mrs. Grob moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion. All approved.

These minutes are a synopsis of the MHPC tapes, which are on file at the Township Municipal Building.

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