

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

February 5, 2018 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Jack Bolan
Reshmee Cuman
Carol Greene
Barbara Shanley
Ronald Wohlberg
Karen Fasouletos
Yvonne Beatrice
Deb Grob

Absent

Anne Powley
Randall Brewster
Gus Vasiliadis

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute

Public Session: Mrs. Beatrice moved to open the Public Session and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Renee Cantor. Ms. Cantor presented the Commission members with copies of her Historic Mahwah for Kids Program. Ms. Cantor asked the Commission if they knew of any other municipalities that have a Historic Preservation Commission, because she couldn't find any. The secretary reported that Franklin Lakes has a HPC.

The Commission commended Ms. Cantor on her outstanding project.

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

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Minutes: Mrs. Cuman moved to approve the January 8, 2018 minutes as read and Mrs. Green seconded the motion. Four of the five members who attended the January 8, 2018 HPC meeting approved the January 8, 2018 minutes as read.

Vote: 4 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes; Powley, Absent 0.

Chair's Report:

Bergen County Historic Grant: Mrs. Grob reported that the Bergen County Historic Grant application was submitted on time and the HPC should be hearing from the County by end of March or beginning of April if their grant application for the renovation of the Mahwah Train Station Complex was approved.

NYNJTC Culvert: Mrs. Grob reported that she and Mrs. Greene met with Robert Kean of the County of Bergen to review the mockup of the stone wall for the culvert. The County is going to use natural stone. She also reported that even though the County reported to her that they would not repair the stone wall by Immaculate Conception Church, they did and it looks very nice.

CLG Grant: Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Beatrice will work on completing the CLG Grant renewal application for 2017. Mrs. Grob urged members to look for on line training sessions that they could attend, so the HPC will earn credits for continued training for the CLG application and she will email members sessions that are available.

Bergen County Historic Preservation Commission award nominee. Mrs. Beatrice moved to nominate Ms. Renee Cantor for her Mahwah Historic Sites for Kids brochure and Mrs. Greene seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Committee Reports:

Moffatt Road Cemetery: The Chair asked for volunteers to work on a sub-committee for the Open Space Grant application to repair Moffatt Road Cemetery hill facing Route 17 South that the adjoining gas station owns. Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Wohlberg volunteered to work with Mrs. Grob.

Mrs. Shanley will reach out to the Ramsey Lutheran Church and MEVO to schedule a cleanup of the Moffatt Road Cemetery this spring.

Vanderbeck Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley will follow up with the property owners.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

Darlington School House: Mrs. Greene reported that Mr. Ed Goodell asked her if she would assist with the wording for the kiosk that will be outside the NYNJTC (Darlington Schoolhouse). The proposal is due in March to the County. The NYNJTC does not want to duplicate information from the existing plaques.

Mahwah Museum: No further report at this time.

Street Names: None at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: The gravel will be delivered this spring to spread around the base of the Quackenbush Barn.

Facebook: The HPC Facebook page has links to the County of Bergen and the State of New Jersey web sites.

Applications: None at this time

New Business: None at this time.

General Discussion: Mrs. Shanley reported that she is going to research the construction date of the house at the corner of Island Road and Beehive Court and will report back to the Commission with her findings.

Mrs. Greene reported that the Late Mayor Frank Krause's house has new owners and they are updating the property.

Mrs. Green moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Greene, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

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

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