

Historic Preservation Commission (corrected 4.1.23)

March 4, 2013 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice
Jack Bolan
Carol Greene
Deborah Grob
Leda Dunn-Wettre
Ronald Wohlberg
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Marthajean Drago
Randall Brewster
Constantine Vasiliadis (excused)

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

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Mr. Bolan moved to approve the February 4, 2013 minutes as read and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Public Session: No members of the public were present.

Chair's Report:

Apple Ridge Cemetery: Mrs. Dunn-Wettre reported that she had emailed Apple Ridge Condo Association representative, Gary Paton with no response. She asked the Commission if she could contact the Association secretary for permission to inspect the cemetery. All agreed.

Aronow Place: Mrs. Shanley, Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Dunn-Wettre volunteered to meet and take photos of the renovation of the stone cottage.

Old Train Station Museum: The Chair reported that the removal of the branch on the Wanamaker shed is on the DPW's spring clean up list. Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Wohlberg will take measurements of the out-house and prepare a material list for repairs. Mrs. Shanley is looking for donations from local vendors for the materials needed. It was also mentioned that the Commission use its Trust Fund account to fund the cost of the materials. Mrs. Shanley reported that the Township is not ready to dedicate all the other out buildings on the Train Station Museum as historic sites at this time.

Street Names: None at this time.

Applications: None at this time.

Old Business:

Tree Planting: Mr. Bolan reported that he attended the Environmental Commission (EC) meeting and reported that the EC is willing to participate in a joint venture with the HPC. He reported that the EC told Mr. Bolan that if the HPC wants to plant a tree it needs to be a good size tree. The EC's past tree planting attempts failed due to the deer feeding on the saplings or the DPW unintentionally mowing them over. Mrs. Shanley suggested planting a good size tree at one of the parks in honor of Joyce Kilmer. The Red Oak is the State tree or a Copper Beech. Mrs. Shanley will reach out to local nurseries for pricing.

Joyce Kilmer: Mrs. Dunn-Wettre suggested selling Joyce Kilmer book covers as a fund raiser.

The Chair reported that Mr. Michellini has started a Joyce Kilmer Society and acknowledged his efforts to inform the residents of one of their famous residents. It was suggested that the Commission leave the Joyce Kilmer funding raising to the Joyce Kilmer Society.

NJDEP Notices:

Temporary Dewatering Permit: Mrs. Greene questioned where the water is being released. The plan does not indicate establishing a retention pool. The HPC's concern is damage to the Indian caves and burial sites. The Chair will contact Environmental Commission secretary, Jane DeWan, with the HPC's concerns.

Mrs. Dunn-Wettre moved to close the meeting, and Mrs. Greene 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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