

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

March 5, 2018 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Jack Bolan  
Reshmee Cuman  
Ann Powley  
Barbara Shanley  
Ronald Wohlberg  
Deb Grob

Absent

Randall Brewster  
Carol Greene  
Gus Vasiliadis  
Yvonne Beatrice  
Karen Fasouletos

**Sunshine Law:** The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

**Flag Salute**

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

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Renee Cantor. Ms. Cantor and her father Mr. Cantor attended the HPC meeting to take pictures of her brochure with the Commission for the Township newsletter.

The Chair reported that the Commission submitted Ms. Cantor's Historic Sites for Children brochure to the Bergen County Historic Preservation Awards Committee as their nomination to receive an award for Youth Preservation Project.

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

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Grob, yes.

Minutes: Mr. Wohlberg moved to approve the February 5, 2018 minutes as read and Mrs. Shanley seconded the motion.

Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain: Bolan, abstain; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Grob, yes.

**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 April if their grant application for the renovation of the Mahwah Train Station Complex was approved.

**NJHPC Awards:** It was agreed to submit Ms. Cantor's "Historic Mahwah for Kids!" brochure and the Mahwah HPC Historic Sites brochure as candidates for the NJHPC award. The submission is due by April 15, 2018 and the awards presentation will be in Paterson during the June 7 and 8 2018 NJHPC conference. Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Powley plan to attend.

Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Powley reported that they have been informed that Girl Scout Natalia Fay's Gold Award project will be identifying photos of historic sites from the Mahwah Museum and taking pictures of these sites as they look now and describe the changes. Mrs. Adler of the Mahwah Museum will be working with Ms. Fay.

**NYNJTC Culvert:** Mrs. Grob reported that the letter approving the Darlington Schoolhouse culvert rock wall was mailed on March 3, 2018.

**Moffatt Road Cemetery:** Mrs. Grob will meet with Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Wohlberg will meet on April 7, 2018 to prepare the HPC's Open Space Trust Fund Grant proposal application to the Township Council for the reinforcement of the Moffatt Road Cemetery hill facing Route 17 S.

**Committee Reports:**

**Moffatt Road Cemetery:** 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:** No further update.

**Mahwah Museum:** Mrs. Grob reported that Mrs. Beatrice will present a history of the Township at the Ramapo Reformed Church on March 8, 2018 at 7:30 and on April 12, 2018 the guest speakers will be Ms. Jane Vilmer and Mr. Howard.

**Quackenbush Barn:** Mrs. Powley will reach out to Wallace Trucking to confirm delivery date of the gravel for the base of the Quackenbush Barn.

**Facebook:** Mrs. Powley reported that the HPC Facebook page has had 231 likes.

**Street Names:** None at this time.

**Applications:** Docket 591, Rochris Real Estate Corp, Block 130 Lots 6 & 12 and 14 Mountainside Avenue Preliminary and Final Site Plan: After a thorough review of Docket 591 it was determined that the site has no historic significance. Mrs. Shanley moved to approve Docket 591 with no comments and Mr. Bolan seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Grob, yes.

**New Business:** Mrs. Shanley reported that she believes that the Bierley house at the corner of Beehive and Island Road dates back to the Palantine era c. 1700's. She will contact Mr. Bierley and request if she could take photo's of the house for the archives.

**General Discussion:** None at this time.

Mrs. Shanley moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Wohlberg, 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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