

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

April 7 2014 Minutes (CORRECTED)

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Yvonne Beatrice
Jack Bolan
Randall Brewster
Gus Vasiliadis, late 7:49am
Ron Wohlberg, late 7:49pm
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Anne Powley, excused
Carol Green, excused
Leda Dunn-Wettre, excused
Marc Foner, excused

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

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

The Chair recognized Mr. James Jaworski, Esq. attorney for Mahwah NL Cedar Developers, LLC, Block 126, Lots 129 & 130, formerly known as Chestnut Trees subdivision. Mr. Jaworski stated that Mahwah NL Cedar Developers owner, Mr. Joseph Noun, is requesting to rename Krazinski Court to a more generic suburban name. The Chair explained that the HPC submits street name suggestions based on the history of the area and that surnames are only given to Mahwah Veterans killed in action and family names that have a historic significance to Mahwah. Krazinski Court was named after the original owners of the property who raised Chestnut trees on the property. The Chair also explained that the suggestions then are submitted to the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and the Police Department for their comments and approval or rejection. If these departments approve the name/s, then the Planning Board submits the street name/s to the Township Council for final approve by Township resolution. In this case, the Township Council will need to approve an amendment to the original resolution approving Krazinski Court be renamed Arbor Lane.

The Chair also explained that OEM and the Police Department, (for identification purposes in cases of emergency calls clarification) do not approve street names that are similar to names that have already been approved. After several names were suggested, the HPC agreed to Arbor Lane, in keeping with the tree farm history of the property.

Let the minutes reflect that Mrs. Grob moved to rename Krazinski Court to Arbor Lane and Mr. Vasiliadis seconded the motion. All agreed.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes: Bolan, yes: Brewster, yes: Grob, yes: Wohlberg, yes: Vasiliadis, yes; Shanley, yes.

Minutes: March 3, 2014 not available at this time.

Chair's Report:

Joyce Kilmer 2014 Actitives: Due to the several snow storms this winter, the HPC had to cancel, re-schedule and then cancel again HPC meetings. As a result, the effects to schedule the Joyce Kilmer poetry contest never finalized. The Chair suggested that the HPC postpone the Joyce Kilmer events until the Fall for a February 2, 2015 event.

Old Train Station Museum, Wanamaker Shed and Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reported that the Township Council moved this item to the April 24, 2014 Council agenda. The Chair is meeting with Mahwah Museum president, Charlie Carreras, to prepare a presentation to the Council to add the Caboose, Wanamaker Shed and Glasgow Outhouse on the Township Ordinance as protected historic structures. This designation will allow the HPC and Mahwah Museum to apply for grants to maintain these structures.

Quackenbush Barn: The Chair reported that Sherman Williams has confirmed the barn paint donation. However, there are several items that need attention to the barn before painting the structure. The Chair will contact several builders and ask if they would volunteer their time and materials to repair items to the barn, such as power washing, patch holes on the trim, etc.

Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair also thanked Mr. Wohlberg for the restoration work he has done to repair the Glasgow Outhouse and will meet with him on April 26, 2014 to review the materials that are still needed for the repair.

CLG Application: The Chair completed the CLG application for 2013 and has submitted it to the County. CLG designation allows the HPC to apply for grants. The Chair reported that one of the requirements is attendance at Historic Preservation Workshops. The Chair responded that the HPC members are volunteers that all have full time jobs, which prevents them from attending week day workshops.

Old Business: The Chair will make up the template for the HPC ID tag and the secretary will laminate them.

Darlington School House: No report from the Sub-Committee, Mrs. Powley, Mr. Bolan, and Mrs. Dunn-Wettre, at this time.

New Business: The Chair reported that 81 Youngs Road is up for sale. This property is listed as a protected property on the Township Ordinance. The present owner has done a remarkable restoration on the house. The Chair suggested requesting the owner, Mr. Ed Gaelick, to do a photo documentation of the house and interview him.

General Discussion: Mrs. Grob reported that the inside restoration of the Ramapo Reformed Church, the walls and ceiling has been finished. They are soliciting for donations to replace the pews and hope to have them replaced by the end of the year.

The Chair reported that the sustainable group, MEVO, is sponsoring a Sustainable Farm in Saddle River Park for people that cannot afford fresh produce. They were looking for donations of farm tools.

The Chair will contact DPW Superintendent, Ed Sinclair, that a fallen tree needs to be removed from the Moffatt Road Cemetery.

Mrs. Grob moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Brewster 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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