

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

May 1, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Randy Brewster  
Jack Bolan,  
Deborah Grob  
Anne Powley  
Barbara Shanley

Absent

Reshmee Cuman, excused  
Carol Greene, excused  
Gus Vasiliadis, excused  
Ronald Wohlberg, excused  
Yvonne Beatrice, excused  
Karen Fsouletos, excused

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

**Flag Salute**

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

The Chair recognized Mahwah High School students and explained to them the responsibilities of the HPC and thanked them for attending the HPC meeting.

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

**Minutes:** There was no quorum from the April 3, 2017 HPC meeting. Therefore, the April 3, 2017 minutes were tabled until the June 5, 2017 HPC meeting.

**Chair's Report:**

**Ackerman Farmhouse:** The Chair emailed the owner of the Ackerman Farmhouse, Mr. Kern, and thanked him for his offer to sell the Ackerman Farmhouse to the Township. However, she informed him that the Township does not have the funds to purchase the property. The Chair also reminded Mr. Kern that the well still needs to be moved and the well roof repaired.

**Bergen County Preservation Commission Historic Awards:** The presentation of the Bergen County Preservation Commission Historic Awards will be held on May 4, 2017 in Englewood. The Township of Mahwah HPC will be receiving an award for its Historic Road Markers Brochure. Mrs. Shanley, Mrs. Powley, Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Greene will attend for the Township.

**Quackenbush Barn Plaque:** The Chair will obtain quotes for the Quackenbush Barn Plaque and forward them to the secretary to create a purchase order.

**Crocker Mansion:** The Chair reported that the Crocker Mansion is for sale. Mrs. Shanley reported that she will reach out to the Crocker Mansion contractor, to request a final walk through of the mansion by the HPC Crocker Mansion Sub-Committee.

**NYNJ Trail Conference:** The NYNJ Trail Conference will be conducting tours of the Darlington School House on June 3, 2017. Mrs. Grob and Mrs. Powley will assist with the tours.

**Committee Reports:**

**Moffatt Road Cemetery:** Mrs. Shanley reported that she and Mrs. Fasouletos met with about ten members of the Redeemer Lutheran Church, who volunteered to assist with the annual Moffatt Road Cemetery clean up. They did not finish everything they wanted to, and plan to return in June. The Redeemer Lutheran Church agreed to assist on an annual basis. Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Grob will conduct a photo documentation of the gravestones. Mrs. Shanley reported that the property easement is with the Gas Station not the bordering resident.

**Vanderbeck Cemetery:** Mrs. Shanley reported that she had sent a letter to the property owner bordering the Vanderbeck Cemetery, Mr. Stein, to confirm if he has easement rights.

**Glasgow Outhouse:** Mrs. Shanley reported that Mr. Wohlberg is on vacation, and upon his return they will finalize the window repairs to the Glasgow Outhouse.

**Carmelite Retreat:** No report at this time.

**Darlington School House:** Mrs. Powley is meeting with Mr. Ed Goodell to finalize the installation location of the HPC Darlington School House road marker.

**Mahwah Museum:** No report at this time.

**Apple Ridge Signs:** Mr. Bolan reported that he never connected with the owners of the Apple Ridge Golf Club to retrieve the signs. The signs are now taken down and apparently were of no historic significance.

**HPC Facebook Page:** Mrs. Powley volunteered to submit an article for the month of August for the HPC Facebook Page.

**New Business:** None at this time.

**General Discussion:** It was suggested by the Mahwah High School Students that the HPC ask residents to send a video, via Facebook messenger, about their historic property to post on the HPC Facebook page. The HPC would need a release from the property owner to publish the video.

Mrs. Powley moved to adjourn the HPC meeting and Mr. Bolan 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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