

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

May 5, 2014 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Randall Brewster
Anne Powley
Leda Dunn Wettre
Ron Wohlberg, late 7:55pm
Yvonne Beatrice, Alternate I
Marc Foner, Alternate II
Barbara Shanley, Chair

Absent

Jack Bolan, excused
Carol Green, excused
Deborah Grob, excused
Gus Vasiliadis, excused

Flag Salute

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Minutes:

March 3, 2014 Minutes:

The following corrections were made: Under Joyce Kilmer Poetry Contest first sentence change do to due; under Old Train Station, second sentence change how to who and Barbieri to La Barbieri, under Quackenbush Barn change Benjamin Moore to Sherwin Williams.

Mrs. Beatrice moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Mr. Brewster seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Beatrice, yes; Brewster, yes; Foner, yes; Powley, yes; Dunn Wettre, yes; Shanley, yes.

April 7, 2014 Minutes: The following corrections were made: Correct HPS to HPC in Public Session second paragraph and in CLG Application first paragraph, and in General Discussion correct replace in second sentence to replaced. Mrs. Dunn Wettre moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Mrs. Powley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain: Mrs. Brewster, yes; Beatrice, yes; Foner, yes; Powley, yes; Dunn Wettre, yes; Shanley, yes.

Chair's Report:

Old Train Station Museum, Wanamaker Shed and Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair reported that she and Robert Adler attended the April 24, 2014 Township Council meeting and explained to the Council that in order to apply for any Grants the Wanamaker Shed, and Caboose need to be added to the Historic element of the Township Ordinance as historic properties. The Council agreed and will draft an amendment to Ordinance 1313 to add the structures, as long as it is agreed that structures could be moved to another location, if Township decided to develop the property. The Chair reported that she had forgotten about the Glasgow Outhouse, but she will write a letter to Brian Campion to add that structure also.

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Powley reported that Troop 258 will work on the Quackenbush barn as an Eagle Scout project. The project will include barn repairs and painting. The Chair will review the list of repair items with the Scouts.

Glasgow Outhouse: The Chair and Mr. Wohlberg will meet on May 10, 2014 weekend to review material list.

Old Business:

Business Cards: Mr. Vasiliadis submitted to the Chair several business card drafts for review. Mrs. Powley offered to ask her niece to design the card.

Street Names: The Chair reported that the Planning/Zoning Officer sent a memo stating that he did not agree on the Krazinski Lane street name change. The HPC submitted its resolution to the Planning Board to change the name to Arbor Lane. The Planning Board has submitted the name change request to the Office of Emergency Management and the Police Department for their response. If the name is approved by these two agencies, then it will go to the Township Council for final approval.

Township Tours: The Chair reported she had attended the Paterson Tours and was very impressed. She asked Mr. Foner to work on a presentation to the Commission on a possible historic tour of Mahwah and he agreed.

Darlington School House: Mrs. Dunn-Wettre, and Mrs. Beatrice have been taking photos of the progress of the Darlington School House restoration and will put together an electronic file photo album of the restoration.

New Business: Mr. Wohlberg reported that construction at Aronow site is starting up again. However, there is apparently no work being done to the stone cottage.

Demolition Application: 30 Olney Road, Block 74, Lot 11 garage demolition application.

Mrs. Beatrice moved to approve the demolition of the garage at 30 Olney Road with the recommendation that the design of the new garage is built in the same architectural style of the house to keep its historic theme, and Mr. Foner seconded the motion.

Vote: yes, 7; 0 no; 0 abstain: Brewster, yes; Beatrice, yes; Foner, yes; Dunn Wettre, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes, ; Shanley, yes.

CLG Report: Mrs. Beatrice agreed to read through the report and report back to the Commission at the next meeting.

Chair Nomination: The Chair stated that she does not feel that she can continue as Chair, due to personal reasons and asked for nominations from the Commission for HPC Chair. She nominated Mr. Brewster and he declined. Mrs. Powley and Ms. Dunn Wettre stated that they felt they did not have enough experience since they are new members and would consider in another year. Mr. Wohlberg and Mr. Foner also declined stating they are new members and feel that they do not have enough experience.

It was decided that Mrs. Shanley will continue as Chair for the remainder of 2014. However, it was agreed that she will delegate more and each member will take on more responsibility and nominations will be taken in December 2014 for a new Chair for 2015.

Web Site Topics: will be reviewed at June 2015 meeting.

Correspondence

EBI CONSULTING Project #61143860, 91 McKee Drive Mahwah, NJ. No comment

NJDEP:

598 Pulis Avenue: Block 162, Lot 253, one 550-gallon #2 Heating Oil Underground Storage Tank System. No Comment.

General Discussion:

Mr. Brewster moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Foner 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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