

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

July 10, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

| Present | Absent |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| Reshmee Cuman | Jack Bolan |
| Anne Powley | Randy Brewster |
| Barbara Shanley (late 7:50) | Carol Greene |
| Gus Vasiliadis | Ronald Wohlberg |
| Karen Fasouletos | |
| Yvonne Beatrice | |
| Debbie Grob | |

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

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

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Ms. Renee Cantor. Ms. Kentor explained to the Commission that she is working on a project for her Girl Scout Gold Award and would like to create a children’s activities book on the history of Mahwah, and asked the Commission for its support and any suggestions. The Commission supported the project and Mrs. Grob suggested contacting the Mahwah Museum to go through its archives for information on historic facts about Mahwah. Ms. Cantor will finalize her theme and report back to the Commission.

Mrs. Cuman moved to close the Public Session and Mrs. Shanley seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Minutes: Mrs. Shanley moved to approve the May 1, 2017 HPC minutes as read and Mrs. Powley seconded to motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Mrs. Cuman moved to approve the June 5, 2017 as read and Mrs. Grob seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Chair’s Report:

Darlington Brook Culvert: The Chair reported that the Commission must check the process of the Darlington Brook Culvert project to make sure that natural stone is used in the construction, as was agreed upon with the County of Bergen.

Ramapo College-Havemeyer Mansion Gazebo: The Chair reported that the Commission has been contacted by Ramapo College informing the Commission that due to the unsafe condition of the Havemeyer Mansion Gazebo the college is planning on taking it down and not replacing it. The Chair invited the college to send a representative to the HPC meeting to discuss the demolition. The college reported that no one was available to attend the July HPC meeting, but they would try and have someone attend the August meeting.

Mr. Vasiliadis volunteered to research the history of the gazebo.

Crocker Mansion: Mrs. Grob asked for volunteers to conduct a tour of the Crocker Mansion with the caretaker. Mrs. Powley, Mrs. Shanley, Mrs. Cuman and possibly Mr. Wohlberg volunteered to take part in the inspection tour. Mrs. Shanley will make the arrangements to schedule the tour.

Quackenbush Barn: The Chair reported that she picked up the Quackenbush Barn plaque and gave it to the HPC secretary to arrange for it to be installed by DPW Parks and Playground.

Mahwah Day: The Chair confirmed that Mahwah Day will be held on September 23, 2017, and the HPC will have a table and conduct an audio interview with Mahwah residents about their memories of growing up in Mahwah.

Committee Reports:

Moffatt Road Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley reported that she will conduct an inventory of the Moffatt Road Cemetery gravestones and their conditions.

Vanderbeck Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley reported that she had sent a letter to the owner of the adjacent property. However, she has not received a response yet. She will try stopping by the house to speak with the owners on either side of the cemetery.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mrs. Shanley reported that the Glasgow Outhouse restoration is complete.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

Darlington School House: No further report.

Mahwah Museum: No report at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Fasouletos volunteered to research the cost or possibly donation of putting cedar mulch around the Quackenbush Barn. Mrs. Powley will measure the area to get an estimate of how much cedar mulch would be needed.

HPC Facebook Page: Mrs. Powley reported monthly articles are still welcome to be posted on the HPC Facebook page.

Applications: None at this time.

Street Names: The secretary reported that the HPC should be receiving a Street Name application to change Fyke Road or Fike Road. One will remain, but the Office of Emergency Management requested that one name change.

Vote 6 yes, 0 no, 5 absent. Beatrice, yes; Bolan, yes; Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Grob, yes.

New Business: None at this time.

General Discussion: Mrs. Shanley reported that she had found a news article about a time capsule that was buried by the Train Station Museum and it is scheduled to be dug up in September of 2025. Mrs. Shanley suggested that another time capsule should replace it.

Mrs. Powley moved to adjourn the HPC Public meeting and Mrs. Beatrice seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no. Cuman, yes; Powley, yes; Shanley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

These minutes are a synopsis of the MHPC tapes, which are on file at the Township Municipal Building.

/dms