

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)

September 11, 2017 Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm.

Roll Call

Present

Jack Bolan

Carol Greene

Barbara Shanley

Yvonne Beatrice

Debbie Grob

Absent

Randall Brewster

Reshmee Cuman

Anne Powley

Gus Vasiliadis

Ronald Wohlberg, excused

Karen Fasouletos, 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.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no. Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Renee Cantor a Girl Scout Gold Award applicant. Ms. Cantor explained to the Commission that as her Gold Award project applicant she would like to create a children’s historical tour brochure of Township history with activities sheets that the children can download. The children would receive a secret code for each historic location which would include an activity sheet. The brochures would be available at the Mahwah Library and the Mahwah Museum. If the participant completed the work sheets they would receive an honorary Certificate of Historian. The age group would be grades three through five.

The Commission liked the project and told Ms. Cantor that they would help her in any way they could with the project.

The Chair recognized Natalia Fay. Ms. Fay also is applying for a Girl Scout Gold Award and presented her project to the Commission for its approval. Ms. Fay is proposing to update the HPC photo archive with now and then photos of local sites throughout the Township. She has already contacted Mahwah Museum director, Diane Adler, for assistance with a list of historic places.

The Commission liked the project and told Ms. Fay that they would help her in any way they could with the project.

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

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no. Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Minutes: There was not a quorum to approval the August 7, 2017 minutes, so it was tabled until the October 2, 2017 HPC meeting.

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no. Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Chair’s Report:

NJ TRANSIT: The Chair reported that the HPC received a letter from the New Jersey Transit informing the HPC that they be installing transit poles at the Mahwah Train Station and asked HPC if there was anything historic that needs to be identified before work commences. The Chair sent Mrs. Adler a copy of the letter for the Mahwah Museum’s review and comments.

NYNJTC: The Chair reported that she and Mrs. Greene met with NJNYTC consultant, Ed Goodell, regarding using the aboriginal stones for the culvert.

The Chair also reported that the County Engineer is proposing to build a stone wall south of the NYNJTC parking lot. Ms. Grob would like the HPC to request if the County could also repair the Immaculate Conception Church rock wall that is across the street from the NYNJTC. The church rock wall was put up to block the driveway entrance/exit from its parking lot to Ramapo Valley Road and the rocks were just piled up. It would look much nicer if the church rock wall could match the NYNJTC rock wall. The Commission agreed. The Chair will write a letter to the County requesting repair of the Immaculate Conception Church rock wall.

The Chair also reported that she received an email from Alee Davis, Senior Architectural Historic, RGA, Inc., regarding the wordage for the interpretive sign for Darlington Brook Crossing, that RGA, Inc. has been commissioned to do. The Chair and Mrs. Greene will work on this project.

The Chair also reported that Mr. Goodell will be attending the September 14, 2017 Township Council meeting to request that blue concrete be poured for the sidewalk between the Darlington culvert and the driveway.

Mahwah Day: The Chair reported that she will conduct the Ramapo Reformed Church tours and that Mrs. Adler told her that the HPC didn't need to assign anyone to conduct a tour at the Mahwah Train Station Museum, because it would be open to the public and Museum members would be at the location.

Mr. Bolan volunteered to work the HPC booth from 12pm until 2pm, Mrs. Shanley will work from 2pm until 4pm and Mrs. Powley said she would also be there to assist throughout the day.

Committee Reports:

Crocker Mansion: The Chair reported that Mrs. Shanley and Mrs. Greene had toured the Crocker Mansion with Mr. Labarbiera on August 27, 2017 and took notes and pictures. They reported that the restoration was magnificent.

New York/New Jersey Trail Conference: No further report, at this time.

Vanderbeck Cemetery: No report at this time.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

Wanamaker Shed: It was discussed that the roof needs to be replaced.

Mahwah Museum: No further report, at this time.

Quackenbush Barn: Mrs. Powley is working on obtaining a donation for mulch for around the base of the Quackenbush Barn.

HPC Facebook Page: No report at this time.

Applications: None at this time.

Street Names: None at this time.

New Business: None at this time.

General Discussion: None at this time.

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

Vote: 5 yes; 0 no. Bolan, yes; Greene, yes; Shanley, yes; Beatrice, 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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