

Historic Preservation Commission (HPC)
September 12, 2016 Minutes
Meeting called to order at 7:30pm

Roll Call

Present

Reshmee Cuman
Anne Powley
Barbara Shanley
Gus Vasiliadis
Ronald Wohlberg
Yvonne Beatrice, Alt I
Karen Fasouletos, Alt. II
Deborah Grob, Chair

Absent

Jack Boland, excused
Randall Brewster
Carol Greene, excused

Sunshine Law: The secretary read the Sunshine Law.

Flag Salute:

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

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 3 absent—Bolan, Absent; Brewster, Absent; Cuman, yes; Greene, absent; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

The Chair recognized Michael Delcher and his parents Ernie and Maryann Delcher of 118 Malcolm Road. Michael reported to the Commission that he has completed his Eagle Scout project of painting and repairing the Quackenbush Barn. He estimated the project took 300 hours to complete, which included power washing, scraping the old paint off and filling in the woodpecker holes, and painting. The barn required three coats of paint, more than was initially anticipated. Michael acknowledged the paint donation by Sherman Williams. Michael also repaired the doors, eastside window and latch and added to artificial owls as a woodpecker deterrent. Michael passed around photos of the work that was done to the barn.

The Commission complimented Michael on his work and stated that it was probably one of the best Eagle Scout projects that have been completed for the HPC.

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

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 3 absent—Bolan, Absent; Brewster, Absent; Cuman, yes; Greene, absent; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes; Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Minutes:

Mr. Vasiliadis moved to approve the August 1, 2016 minutes as read, and Mrs. Cuman seconded the motion. All approved.

Vote: 8 yes; 0 no; 3 absent—Bolan, Absent; Brewster, Absent; Cuman, yes; Greene, absent; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, yes; Wolhberg, yes; Shanley, yes, Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Chair's Report

Moffatt Road Cemetery: The Chair reported that the Township Engineer reviewed the Moffatt Road Cemetery site and submitted a preliminary engineer's estimate for the Moffatt Road Cemetery Slope Stabilization. The total estimate is \$318,000.00. The Commission agreed that this is much more than they had anticipated and will need to investigate further. The Chair asked for volunteers for a Moffatt Road Cemetery Stabilization Committee to investigate this project. Mrs. Shanley volunteered and the Chair also appointed Mr. Bolan.

NYNJ Trail Conference Tours: Mrs. Powley reported that the HPC will conduct two tours on Saturday October 15, 2016. Mr. Boland and Mrs. Powley will conduct the tours and Mr. Vasiliadis will host the HPC table for questions and answers.

Township Ordinance Properties: The Chair asked for volunteers to adopt properties that are on the Historic Element of the Township Municipal Code. The secretary will email the list to all the members and the members will report at the October 3, 2016 meeting which property they will adopt. The members will reach out to the owners of the properties that they adopted to assist with any questions they may have about their historic property.

Let the minutes reflect that Mr. Vasiliadis excused himself from the HPC meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Ackerman Farmhouse: The Chair reported that the secretary had forwarded to her an email from the Ackerman Farmhouse owners (Mr. & Mrs. Kerns) attorney, Mr. James Jaworski, inquiring about the relocation of the stone well and about artifacts that they have found in the walls of the home. Mrs. Fasouletos volunteered to be the Ackermen Farmhouse liaison for the Commission. The secretary will inform Mr. Jaworski that Mrs. Fasouletos will be reaching out to him.

Committee Reports:

Darlington Schoolhouse: Mrs. Shanley had no further update at this time.

Vanderbeck Lane Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley had no report at this time.

Winters Farmhouse: Mrs. Grob reported that the Winter Farmhouse Sub-committee, (Mrs. Grob, Mrs. Cuman and Mr. Brewster) had met with the Township Attorney, Brian Chewcaskie, regarding the Winter Farmhouse structural repairs status. Mr. Chewcaskie

noted the concerns of the HPC and will contact the owner's attorney, James Jaworski, for an update on the repairs schedule. Mrs. Grob also reported that the Winter Farmhouse Subcommittee reported to Mr. Chewcaskie, that the HPC is willing to work with the owners in whatever way they can to assist in the repairs.

Glasgow Outhouse: Mrs. Grob reported that since the Glasgow Outhouse will not be supervised during Mahwah Day, it will not be open to the public and that the repairs are still on going.

Mahwah Museum: Mrs. Greene. No report at this time.

Vanderbeck Cemetery: Mrs. Shanley. No report at this time.

HPC Historic Signs Brochure: Mrs. Powley informed the Commission that the brochures have been delivered and will be handed out at Mahwah Day. Mrs. Powley reported that she has not been able to get a response from anyone at the County regarding additional printing costs allowance.

Carmelite Retreat: No report at this time.

Mahwah Day: Mrs. Shanley reported, that due to family obligations, she will not be available to help on Mahwah Day. The Chair and Mrs. Powley said that they would help out during the day to fill in Mrs. Shanley's time slot.

Applications:

Docket 1261-08(A) - 1158 Ramapo Valley Road (Pony Power Therapies, Inc.) Block 25 Lot(s) 16 & 17. Let the minutes reflect, that after a thorough review of Docket 1261-08(A)-1158, Mrs. Shanley moved to approved Docket 1261-08(A)-1158 with no comments and Mr. Wohlberg seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 4 absent—Bolan, Absent; Brewster, Absent; Cuman, yes; Greene, absent; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, Absent; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes, Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

Docket 1410-16- 25 Mountain Road-Richard Marchesi-single family home on vacant land. Let the minutes reflect that after a thorough review of Docket 1410-16-24, Mrs. Powley moved to approved Docket 1410-16-24 with no comments and Mrs. Fasouletos seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Vote: 7 yes; 0 no; 4 absent—Bolan, Absent; Brewster, Absent; Cuman, yes; Greene, absent; Powley, yes; Vasiliadis, Absent; Wohlberg, yes; Shanley, yes, Fasouletos, yes; Beatrice, yes; Grob, yes.

New Business:

Bergen County Division of Cultural & Historic Affairs: Mrs. Grob reported that the 2017 Bergen County History Grant Program for General Operating Support & Special Projects

application is available with a return date of Friday October 7, 2016. Mrs. Powley reported that she would review for HPC eligibility.

General Discussion: None at this time.

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

These minutes are a synopsis of the HPC recording, which is on file at the Township Municipal Building.