

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight.

Members present were: Stephen Banks, Cynthia Breen, Louise Cohen, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, Dorothy Spruill, John Washington, Sr., Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman and Tom Wieckowski. Guests present: Ray Burg. Staff present was: John Hoover, Director of Parks and Recreation (See attached attendance list).

1. ***Call to Order*** – Vice-Chairman Banks called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M.

2. ***Acceptance of Minutes*** – Mr. Banks asked for a motion to accept the September 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Mrs. Washington reported that attachments for Moment in History were not attached to the minutes. The Moment in History notes will be attached this month. Ms. Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Ms. Werkman and unanimously approved.

3. ***Committee Reports***

A. **Education Committee** – Ms. Cohen reported that the volunteers have added some old and new movies to the present exhibit on how things have changed. Ms. Cohen requested \$50.00 for refreshments for the Exhibit Reception being held on October 28, 2012 at the Museum. Mr. Banks made a motion to approve the amount of \$50.00 for refreshments for the October 28, 2012 reception; seconded by Mrs. Spruill. Ms. Cohen noted that she had sent out notices about the event via e-mail. She asked if anyone had additional e-mail addresses for her database to please forward them to her. Ms. Cohen also noted that volunteers are needed for the docent schedule and she distributed a sign-up sheet. Ms. Cohen reported that three high school students were volunteering as docents this year.

B. **Preservation Committee Report** – Mr. Harrower had no report.

C. **Museum Committee Report** – Mr. Wieckowski asked Mrs. Spruill if she would like him

to make several DVD copies of the VHS tapes that are used for education and house tours.

These items could be part of the items for sale in the orientation center. It was suggested that a small poster be placed on top of the entertainment center indicating DVD's for sale.

4. Chairman's Report –

A. Safety and Housekeeping - Vice-Chairman Banks noted that a bulb in the exit sign in the Carriage House needs to be replaced. Mr. Hoover will follow-up with the property supervisor.

B. Herb Garden – Vice-Chairman Banks inquired about the status of herb garden. It was reported that Baker Creative made a proposal to manage and harvest the herb garden. Mr. McCann made a motion to have Mrs. Spruill contact Mr. Baker, review his proposal and, if in agreement, to manage the progress of the herb garden; seconded by Ms. Werkman and unanimously approved.

C. FY 2013 Budget - Mr. Hoover inquired about recommendations for the 2013 Budget. Mrs. Spruill stated that she and Ms. Breen have some requests and will e-mail those to the Township Administration.

D. Vice-Chairman Banks welcomed a guest, Mr. Burg.

5. Staff Report – Mr. Hoover noted that several members' terms would be expiring in January, 2013 and asked the members in attendance who planned to continue their membership terms at that time. The following responded in the affirmative:

James McCann
John Washington Sr.
Stephen Banks
Dorothy Spruill
John Washington, Jr.
David Harrower
Cynthia Breen

6. Old Business - Vice-Chairman Banks inquired about Harvest Festival attendance. Mr.

Wieckowski noted that he would be present at the Festival to represent Old York Road Historical Society as well as the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission. Mr. Wieckowski stated that volunteers for late afternoon or early evening would be helpful. Mr. Banks volunteered to be present between Noon and 2:00 p.m. Chairman Harrower joined the meeting at this time and volunteered to set up the event table.

7. New Business – Mr. John Washington, Sr. presented materials advertising a historic Lantern Graveyard Tour at Trinity Church, 6901 Rising Sun Avenue, Philadelphia, PA on October 13, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the 31st Annual 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Re-enactment at Historic Hope Lodge on November 3 & 4, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Mr. McCann noted that Pennsylvania Historical Museum Commission (PHMC) will be dedicating a marker this coming weekend for the Frankford Avenue Bridge (Pennypack Creek Bridge), the oldest stone arch bridge in the United States.

8. Other Business – Mr. John Washington, Sr. provided two 50th anniversary glasses from the Cheltenham High School Class of 1937 for the archives.

9. Moments in History – Mrs. Washington shared the following articles at the September 13, 2012 meeting: 1) The Times Chronicle, Saturday, September 1, 1923; Times Chronicle, Thursday September 17, 1931; Times Chronicle, September 13, 1934. (See attached.)

10. Adjournment - There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Werkman, seconded by Ms. Cohen and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.



Bryan T. Havir
Acting Township Manager

Submitted by: Kathryn McDevitt



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Historical Commission Regular Meeting @ 7:30 P.M.

Thursday, October 11, 2012

Carriage House

One Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027

(Please Print Clearly)

Print Name	Mailing Address (only if different)	Telephone Number (only if different)	E-mail Address (only if different)
Stephen Banks			
Mary Washington			
Dorothy Spruill			
J. Werkman			
Cynthia Brown			
Louise Cohen			
Ray Burg			
Lois H. Hirsch			
Tom Wicrowson			
Jim McGinn III			
Jack Washington			

Dave Harrows

Times Chronicle Saturday 1 Sept 1923
Ashbourne School To Be Dedicated
Exercises at new building to take place
Saturday Sept 8. Benjamin S. Myers
School. S. Earle Hoover, of the firm Hoover
& Sons will transfer to J. Howard Ervien,
President of the School Board

Times Chronicle Thursday 17 Sept 1931
Isaac Mather Celebrates Eighty-Second
Birthday - Monday 14th of Washington here
+ Township Line.

And on this date 13 Sept 2012 seventy eight
years earlier, Thurs 13 Sept 1934 this was
printed in the Times Chronicle. "Cheltenham
Township History Its Story of Constant Devel
opment - Old Records Are Unique and Interesting.
Once a Typical Rural Section, It is Now
Almost Entirely Residential - Heavily
Populated, It Is An Important Unit Among
the Municipalities of Montgomery County