

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

Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Cynthia Breen, Louise Cohen, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, Dorothy Spruill, and Mary Washington. Guest present: Ray Burg. Staff present was: John Hoover, Director of Parks and Recreation (See attached attendance list).

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

2. *Acceptance of Minutes* – Chairman Harrower asked for a motion to accept the October 11, 2012 meeting minutes. Ms. Cohen noted that the number of students referenced in the minutes as three was not correct. Mr. Harrower added that there were six student docents volunteering at the Richard Wall House. Under Other Business: Mr. Harrower noted that Mr. John Washington, Jr. donated a number of scout badges on behalf of Peter Whitely from his Melrose Troop. Included was a picture and address of the donor, who was the son of the principal at Lynnewood Elementary School. Mrs. Washington made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Ms. Cohen and unanimously approved.

3. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee – Ms. Cohen reported that she had made arrangements with Dr. Anthony Waskie, of Temple University Civil War and Emancipation Studies, to speak on Octavious V. Catto – American Hero and Civil Rights Crusader for Black History Month in February, 2013. (See attached). Ms. Cohen noted that a speaker has been selected for National Preservation Month in May. Ms. Cohen inquired about grant funding for the two lectures scheduled for 2013.

Ms. Cohen reported flyers were sent out the via e-mail list for the October 28, 2012 Exhibit Reception. Mr. Harrower inquired if the Board of Commissioners and Historical Commission members were included on the e-mail distribution list. It was recommended that they be included if not already on the e-mail list.

Ms. Cohen also noted that volunteers are needed for the docent schedule, especially in December and she distributed a sign-up sheet.

B. Preservation Committee Report – Mr. Harrower reported that the Kerlin Farm appeal was continued again. Mr. Harrower plans to speak at the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting on Kerlin Farm later this month. Currently, the developer would like to have relief from preserving the house.

Mr. Harrower announced that a Community Meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2012 at Glenside Hall for the concerned citizens of the Save Laverock Hill Group. The developer has revised his conceptual design. Neither Township representatives nor developer will be represented.

C. Museum Committee Report – Ms. Breen noted that Mr. DeMaria delivered approximately six lavender sachets to be used for sale in the Gift Shop. Mr. Harrower thanked Mrs. Spruill, Ms. Cohen and Ms. Werkman for their assistance and support in coordinating the October 28, 2012 Exhibit Reception. Mr. Harrower noted that attendance was poor. However, it was also the date when an emergency advisory was declared by Township Emergency Management personnel for Hurricane Sandy and motorists were advised to stay off the roads.

4. Chairman's Report –

A. Safety and Housekeeping – Mrs. Spruill stated that extra housekeeping is needed in the Richard Wall House restrooms and the staircase leading down to the basement in addition to regular cleaning schedule items. Mr. Harrower offered to be available to review the cleaning schedule scope of work. It was also noted that the refrigerator needed to be defrosted and Mr. Harrower stated he would follow up on this matter. Additionally, Mrs. Spruill noted that the third floor restroom has not been working for sometime. Mr. Harrower made a motion to have

the Township investigate pricing to have the toilet on third floor replaced; seconded by Ms. Breen and unanimously approved.

Mr. Harrower noted that there is peeling paint on the porch entrance to the House and he would like to obtain an estimate for painting this area.

Chairman Harrower reminded members that pathways leading to fire exits should be open and unlocked when visitors are in the building.

B. Herb Garden – Mr. Harrower inquired about the status of the herb garden. Mrs. Spruill had not been in touch with Brad Baker of Baker Creative Design regarding an arrangement to manage and harvest the herb garden. Mr. Harrower asked for Mr. Baker's contact information for follow-up.

C. Budget – Chairman Harrower stated he will submit expenses for Market Day for reimbursement.

D. Upcoming Events – Fort Mifflin's Seige Weekend will be celebrated on November 10 & 11, 2012 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and World War II, The Battle for St. Vith will be held December 1, 2012 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Chairman Harrower visited the 31st Annual 1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Re-Enactment at Historic Hope Lodge on November 3 & 4, 2012 with his family. It was an exciting event.

5. Staff Report –

A. 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 members have responded in the affirmative:

James McCann
John Washington Sr.
Stephen Banks
Dorothy Spruill
John Washington, Jr.

David Harrower
Cynthia Breen
Barbara Bartlett

B. Mr. Hoover inquired about the policies and procedures regarding acquisitions and donations. Specifically, are forms filled out (acquisition forms) when an item is donated or acquired, and who is responsible for this task. Mrs. Spruill responded that Mr. Havar has the information on the policies and procedures. Mrs. Spruill clarified that she writes an acknowledgment letter which is kept on file at Museum and will send copy to John Hoover.

C. Curtis Arboretum Conservation and Landscape Management Plan Update – Mr. Hoover announced that the Township intends to apply for a \$10,000 matching grant from Natural Lands Trust under the PECO Green Region Open Space Program. The Township is asking for the Historical Commission's support for filing the grant application. Mr. Hoover provided a brief description of the scope of work for the planning project. Chairman Harrower made a motion to support the Township in seeking grant funding for the Curtis Arboretum Conservation and Landscape Management Plan; seconded by Ms. Breen and unanimously approved.

6. *Old Business* –

A. Historic Resource Overlay District Ordinance - Mr. Harrower explained the intent of the draft ordinance was to expand the previous ordinance to address Cultural Resource Survey (CRS) properties as well as local landmarks to regulate demolition of local landmarks. A Community Meeting was held for property owners of homes in historic districts or local landmarks. Terminology in the draft ordinance was confusing to property owners regarding historic districts versus local landmarks. He believes the ordinance will be broken into two ordinances. Mrs. Washington who attended the meeting noted that those who bought homes after the CRS were conducted had a few questions. Mrs. Washington also noted that properties

adjacent to local landmarks need to follow Township Ordinance and Zoning Codes regarding renovations so they do not damage adjoining properties. Chairman Harrower noted that one certified letter was received by the Township to remove a property from the CRS.

7. *New Business* –

A. Mr. Harrower noted the Preserve America Program's Tenth Anniversary, Journey Through Hallowed Ground Partnership's 2013 Annual Conference, "More Bang for the Buck: Tools for Sustainable Growth and Heritage Tourism Call for Session Proposals" will be held May 21-22, 2013 at the Majestic Theater in Gettysburg. Mr. Hoover stated information on the above event was e-mailed to the members. He asked if anyone would like to speak on Historical Commission events in Cheltenham. If so, they must submit a proposal by the end of the month and have someone to represent the Historical Commission at the event for a 75-minute session. Mrs. Cohen felt that the information was about the research, education and planning efforts used to attract visitors. Mrs. Washington noted that she has relatives living in Waterford near Gettysburg. Mr. Hoover asked to have feedback on this subject at the next meeting.

B. Mrs. Spruill would like to have the large grey folding table that matches the other lightweight table returned to the Carriage House.

C. Mrs. Spruill asked about having a Holiday Party the evening of regular meeting of the Historical Commission on December 13, 2012. Mr. Harrower made a motion to approve \$50.00 for refreshments; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved. Mr. Harrower asked for some volunteers to help with the arrangements and also for members to bring a food item.

8. *Moments in History* – Mrs. Washington shared the following articles: Times Chronicle, Saturday, November 7, 1896, Ed Bach, Ladies Journal, Louise Curtis married near Wyncote; Times Chronicle, November 23, 1912, Volunteer firefighters from York Road Companies

November 8, 2012 7:30 p.m.
Carriage House

responded to a fire at a Cheltenham Mill located on the former Bosler Estate, located on Old York Road at Ogontz. The loss was estimated at \$10,000. (See attached.)

9. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Washington, seconded by Ms. Cohen and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.



Bryan T. Havar
Acting Township Manager

Submitted by: Kathryn McDevitt



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, November 8, 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)
Dave Harrower			Dave Harrower@gmail.com
RAY DORA			RAYDAVE416@AOL.COM @COMCAST *NET
Mary Washington			
Barbara Bartlett			
Lois H. Kersch			
Louise Cohen			
Annita Spill			
Cynthia Pree			

Education Committee Report, November 8, 2012

The program for Black History Month has been arranged. Dr. Anthony Waskie, of Temple University Civil War and Emancipation Studies will speak on Octavious V. Catto – American Hero and Civil Rights Crusader. He will deliver a lecture with a power point presentation. Octavious V. Catto's connection to Cheltenham Township history is his involvement with recruiting for Camp William Penn.

My thanks to Joyce Werkman for putting me in touch with Dr. Waskie and to Tom Wieckowski for help with the equipment needed.

Times Chronicle Sat 7 Nov 1896

Edward W. Bok, editor & part proprietor of the Ladies Home Journal & Miss Mary Louise Curtis, daughter of Cyrus H. K. Curtis, chief proprietor of that publication were quietly married Thursday of last week at noon at Mr Curtis' country estate near Wyncote

Times Chronicle Nov 23, 1912

Volunteers Fight Flames in old mill
York Road Companies wage stubborn
Battle at Historic Ogontz Structure

of a railway... to the employer's... will, in all cases, be given... duty employers."

"Charles M. Meredith, 'Sheriff.' It is confidently believed, with much of the worry experienced by suburban... the question of dispo... sible that recurs every... scores of really, deserv... amping the country... are taken into consid... and given short-term... authorities have fr... tunity to learn the real... these men, and to pick... ally want work from the... cool tramp or hobo. In... are as numerous cases... workmen get short... for some trivial offense... writes believe, by giv... a real opportunity to earn... lollar or living, that the... return of the men as a... at some future time will... to a minimum—a double... nce being served in sav... county and in giving the... a chance to make good... other element to be con... county is mighty pr... now, and men are neede... of employment.

ABINGTON COMMISSIONERS MEET
At Abington, on Thursday evening, the regular November sessions of the Abington Board of Commissioners was held, with Messrs. Hallowell, Benn... inghoff and Mahony present, and with Mr. Kruger and Mr. Albrecht absent. Business transacted at the session included:
Report of Treasurer received, showing balance on hand of \$1,450.00. Reports of the several committees received and placed on record.
Mr. Rouse reported that repairs ordered of Hill road were being made. Mr. Walsh, citizen of Crestmont, appeared with a request for the placing of more lights; the request being referred to the Light Committee.
Mr. Mahony asked for the appointment of a committee to make proper disposition of the question resulting from inability to locate or determine the owners of at least 100 lots located in different parts of the township. Messrs. Mahony, Benn... inghoff and Hallowell appointed.
The proper proceedings were ordered by which a lot of land will be purchased at McKinley to afford an outlet for Chestnut street.
The matter developing in reference to a retaining wall fronting the Maderia estate on Township line road was discussed, and Mr. Maderia was invited to attend the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners.
Committee on Legislation as applying to first-class townships reported progress. Ordinance No. 80, applying to removal of snow from sidewalks was passed on final reading. The committee in attendance at the Suburban Planning Conference made a report, which included the statement of belief that results could be expected from the Conference.
Mr. Benn... inghoff, chairman of the Fire department, submitting a report, statement outlining the conduct of the affairs of the Fire department. Additional buildings for the reception of township machinery were ordered constructed.
Mr. Sower and Mr. Yorke, employed on the highway department work during the summer months, were appointed to positions on the police force during the coming winter months.

WILLOW GROVE

statement given for the school was quite a success by all who attended it. Willow Grove ladies were the Lady Rebekah Lodge on Tuesday evening. MacIntyre is in the hospital eyes treated. Rainsner is on the sick bed Slugg, who has been recovered, and spent the night with Mr. and Mrs. Slugg. Elizabeth Baldt and Mildred spent Sunday visiting with St. Anne's Chapel for the before Advent will be at 10 a. m., morning sermon at 11 a. m., evening sermon at 7.30 o'clock. A man has been suffering with colic on his arm. Informed our reporter Willow Grove gunners while own shot a tame duck in a wild one. The gunners were mentioned and that they should be such unsportsmanlike conduct probably does not joke looks different in any way it sounds in tell-tale. A supper will be given at the Ladies' Aux- benefit of the Willow Co., on Saturday evening, from 5.30 to 9.30 p. m. Tickets, 25 cents; children's 15c. M. E. Church; Sunday, Rev. W. S. Dawson, at 10.30 Sunday school, 7.15, Ep- 8 p. m., preaching by Mr. McIntyre is in the Epist suffering with eye trou-

Volks, wife and daughter, 1 days at Mr. Wolfe's town, Pa. r is at Denton, Md., on a m and Frank Nash are trip up the State. Her hel: a public sale of ds at No. 12 Lee avenue. silled "The Three Chaut- was given by the school. Red Men's Hall on Sat- proved quite a success well attended that they the following Tuesday, a good audience. of Philadelphia, is ar house on the Fergu- ip Supervisors are re- ter at the intersection of and Moreland road. nths for Assault t, who claimed Willow-

The bride wore a dress of white chiffon and a wreath of orange blossoms and carried a bouquet of white rosebuds.
The maid of honor wore a pink silk dress trimmed with white net and a hat trimmed with pink silk, and carried a bouquet of pink rosebuds.
Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served to the immediate families at the home of the bride. The bride and groom then started for Atlantic City.
Upon their return they will reside on Beechwood street, Germantown.

ABINGTON
Abington won a notable victory last week by defeating the All-Scholastic Stars from Northeast Manual, by the score of 8 to 0. The touchdown was scored in the first period and was due to the excellent interference made by Gaul, whose playing at left tackle featured the game. This Saturday the St. James team, of Lansdowne, will visit Abington in an endeavor to stop the home team's victories, which have been regular since the team work has been perfected. On Thanksgiving Day at Girard College, which, without doubt, will result in the best game of the season, as it is to win this game that which the boys have on their schedule, and it is to win this game that they have been preparing themselves for during the entire season. Every body come out and celebrate the holiday and encourage the boys on to a well-deserved victory.
Thanksgiving service will be held in Abington Presbyterian Church next Thursday, November 23, at 10.30 a. m. All persons are urged to attend and to bring groceries, vegetables, etc., which will be sent to the Jewish Hospital on York road.
Rev. Robert M. Labaree, formerly the pastor of Doylestown Presbyterian Church, but now a missionary in Urumia, Persia, will speak in Abington Church next Sunday morning.
The Westminster Guild of Abington Church will hold their next meeting on Saturday of this week, November 23, 3 p. m., at the home of the Misses Messer. The members are urged to be prompt in attendance.
Morning worship in Abington Church at 11 o'clock; evening at 8 o'clock; Sunday school, 9.45 a. m. Wednesday evening worship in the chapel. All welcome.
Miss Bertha Winder entertained Miss Corina Hafer, of Philadelphia, over Saturday and Sunday.
Master Walter Boucher, of Horace avenue, is confined to his home with chicken pox.
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shriver entertained on Sunday Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and Harry Campbell, of Phoenixville.
Mrs. John Coffman, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mrs. John Quinn.
Miss Elizabeth Ferguson, of Woodland road, returned home on Thursday from the Jewish Hospital.
Miss Bertha Winder entertained ten young ladies on Saturday evening.
Aron Boucher, Charles Bates, Walter Roberts, Albert Boucher, John Balme, Frank Wismer spent Saturday morning at Danboro.
Mr. Hatten and family moved from Dr. Hager's house on Susquehanna road to Ogonitz on Thursday.

BETHAYRES
The annual supper of the Presbyterian Church will be held in the church this Saturday evening, from 6 to 9. Tickets, 35 cents.
Dr. and Mrs. James Crowe motored to North Wales on Sunday last.
Mr. Joseph Whiteside was a visitor in our town on Monday.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Dupue on Tuesday, a daughter.
Mrs. Judge and Mrs. Burnette visited Mr. and Mrs. David Harvey on Wednesday.
Mrs. Harrison Woodward and Mrs. Frank H. Woodward spent Wednesday in New Hope, Pa.
Miss Catherine K. Whiteside attended the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. John Harrar, of Horsham, on Monday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. James Carter and daughter, Mary, and Miss Ethel Carter, of Somerton, and Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Barcalow, of Holland, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Thompson, on Sunday.
Mrs. Charles Atkinson has moved to Somerton.
Mr. George Markley is having Springfield water installed in his house on Red Lion road.
A special meeting of the Huntington Valley Fire Co., No. 1, will be held Monday evening, November 25, for the purpose of giving the contract for the new fire house, to be erected on the Red Lion road.
The School Board of Moreland township will hold their regular monthly meeting at the School House Hotel on Monday evening next.

WHISKY FIND NEARLY FATAL
Child Collapses and Physicians Busy Three Hours Saving Him
Michael Morris, 4-year-old son of John Morris, found a partly filled bottle of whisky Monday afternoon and drank about two and a half ounces of the fluid. He managed to reach home before he was overcome.
His mother found the boy unconscious on the floor some time later. In response to a hurry call he was given treatment for alcoholic poison by Dr. Rouse, of McKinley, and was then hurried to the Jewish Hospital. Physicians there worked over the boy for three hours.

son-of-John Higgins, the blacksmith, and was a very estimable young man. Mr. and Mrs. Howard R. Levick have closed their country home, "Whitewood," and moved to their town house for the winter.

Police Notes
A large trolley car on the Ogonitz division was coming north at City Line on Saturday night and ran into an open switch and struck the tongue of a Fidelity Storage van, and broke two feet off the tongue. Neither the horses nor the van were injured.
At 1 a. m. Sunday morning a fire was discovered in Dostler's mill. The whistle blew, and the fire companies responded to the call. Six different companies were on hand, Independent, Pioneer, of Jenkintown, Old York Road, McKinley, La Mott and Ogonitz. After a stubborn fight the fire was extinguished, most of the damage being done by water.
Thomas Leary, of Doylestown, was arrested by Officer Heebe, charged with being drunk and disorderly. He had a hearing before Justice Comly and paid fine and cost, \$7.50.
Salvator Marshall, Frank Buskins and Thomas Tico, three Italian junk dealers, were arrested by Sergeant Ganley on Wednesday, November 20, on suspicion of larceny. They had a hearing before Justice Comly and were discharged on account of lack of evidence.

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HELPS FOR MISUSING MAILS
Comstock Comes Here from New York to Arrest Man
Anthony Comstock, secretary of the Society for the Prevention of Vice, New York, and a United States postal inspector, came to Philadelphia on Wednesday and arrested Robert E. Pohl, of No. 419 Franklin street, Cheltenham, on the charge of using the mails for improper purposes. According to Mr. Comstock's testimony before United States Commissioner Craig, Pohl wrote several letters agreeing to sell obscene literature and pictures. Pohl was held under \$1900 bail for Court.
The arrest of Pohl is the outgrowth of the arrest and conviction a few months ago of W. G. McBride, a Chicago publisher, who was charged with having sent obscene matter through the mails. McBride was sentenced to a term of five years in prison and a fine of \$5000. While gathering evidence against McBride, Mr. Comstock discovered the letters written by Pohl. The defendant is a clerk in the employ of the Reading Railway, and has a wife and three children.

EDGE HILL MAN HELD FOR COURT
Charged with carrying concealed deadly weapons Joseph Chilla, 37-year-old, was arrested by Officer Heebe, of the Ogonitz division, on Wednesday, November 20, on suspicion of carrying a concealed deadly weapon. He was held under \$1900 bail for Court.

CHELTENHAM
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Noble String, of Central avenue, a bouncing baby girl, on Monday, November 19. Congratulations.
Mr. Louis Brodhas, of Central avenue, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Methodist Hospital last Sunday. His many friends will be glad to hear that at this writing he is getting along nicely.
The Septimus, that young ladies club about which we heard several weeks ago, are going to give a supper and dance in the Dramatic Society Hall on Thursday night, December 5. Prizes will be given. Tickets are 25 cents and may be gotten from any of the members. These are the Misses Pauline and Sullie Schleg, Laura Stitz, Elsie Buckley, Rose and Ze Fibler, Elmer Meade, Irene Bower, Bertha Bender and Irene Beardman.
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If you are looking for something cheap, Mrs. L. Smith, our popular milliner on Franklin avenue, is selling out her entire stock far below cost prices. Come early to get first choice.
Cheltenham M. E. Church—Services on Sabbath, November 24: 9.30, class; 10.30, service and sermon, subject, "The Preference of the Upright;" 2.30, Bible school; 7.30, "Digging Ditches." Prayer meeting each Wednesday evening. Everybody invited. J. T. Gray, pastor.
Don't forget the date, November 30. Don't forget the place, Myers school. What is the occasion? Flag raising by the Washington Camp, 197, of Lansdale. Parade starts at pumping station, Marburg, and proceeds up the pike to Fire Point. Ceremony will be very patriotic. Everyone should

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