

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight. Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Cynthia Breen, Herschel Elias, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, Pat Miller Heidi Morein, Dorothy Spruill, and Jack Washington, Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, Tom Wieckowski. Guests present: Regina Banks, Ray Burg, Jeanne Wieckowski. Staff present was: John Hoover, Director of Parks and Recreation and Bryan T. Havar, Acting Township Manager (See attached attendance list).

**1. *Call to Order*** – Chairman Harrower called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. Mr. Harrower wished to thank Mrs. Spruill, Ms. Breen and Ms. Werkman for their work in providing the set up for the Holiday Gathering this evening.

**2. *Acceptance of Minutes*** – Chairman Harrower asked for a motion to accept the November 8, 2012 meeting minutes. Mr. Jack Washington noted that Under Other Business, Mr. John Washington Jr. should have read Mr. Jack Washington. Mr. Harrower made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Heidi Morein and unanimously approved.

### **3. *Committee Reports***

A. Education Committee – Ms. Cohen was not present to make her report. However, Chairman Harrower did ask for volunteers to sign up on the docent schedule. Discussion ensued regarding the holiday schedule for the Richard Wall House Museum. Mrs. Spruill made a motion to close the Museum on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and keep the Museum open on 30<sup>th</sup>; seconded by Ms. Werkman and unanimously approved.

B. Preservation Committee Report – Mr. Harrower reported that a fourth and final special zoning hearing board meeting for Kerlin Farm Development application was held on November 27, 2012. The developer plans on demolishing the historic building and erecting 3- 4 story tower housing under the Age Restricted Overlay Ordinance. The developer's attorney made the case that Kerlin Farms is not on the official list of the National Register of Historic Places listings in Montgomery County or the

Township's Cultural Resource Survey. The Zoning Hearing Board acknowledged this statement but Mr. Harrower hoped the Zoning Hearing board will rule in favor of the Historic Resources Overlay District Ordinance. Mr. Harrower would like to make the point that eligibility is enough and the property does not have to be listed. Mr. Harrower would like to have included in the Historic Resource Overlay District Ordinance the phrase, "eligible and/or listed" on the National Historic Register.

Mr. Harrower noted that two demolition permit applications had been filed with the Township for review by the Historical Commission: They are as follows:

1.) 210 W. Waverly Road, Glenside PA

The Historical Commission recommended to the Building & Zoning Department that the garage demolition at be approved and the reconstruction be done in appropriate context, scale and materials consistent with the existing structure.

2.) 121 Wetherill Road, Cheltenham, PA

The Historical Commission recommended to the Building & Zoning Department that the garage demolition at be approved without reservation.

C. Museum Committee Report – Mrs. Spruill noted that a children's toy and clothing exhibit is on display at the Art Museum during the Holidays.

**4. Chairman's Report –**

A. Safety and Housekeeping – Mr. Harrower stated that housekeeping services had not improved since last month. The staircase leading down to the basement still requires attention. Mr. Hoover said he will pass along the concerns.

B. Mr. Harrower will ask for volunteers to serve as the nominating committee for election of officers at next month's meeting.

**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. Mr. Hoover

inquired about Mr. Benjamin Tisdale and if any of the members had contact information for him. Mr. Hoover also tried to reach out to Lenore Davies but received no response. The following members have responded in the affirmative that they had an interest in being re-appointed to the commission:

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

6. *Old Business* – None.

7. *New Business* – Ms. Patricia Miller noted that Delaware Valley Community College is offering an architectural course in Italy during the first three weeks in June.

Mr. Wieckowski announced that that Old York Road Historical Society is moving from the Jenkintown Library this weekend to Alverthorpe Manor which is a much nicer setting. The hours will be the same. Volunteers from Abington High School will assist in moving over 500 boxes.

8. *Moment in Time* – None.

9. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Jack Washington, seconded by Ms. Breen and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 P.M.



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Bryan T. Havir  
Acting Township Manager

Submitted by: Kathryn McDevitt



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, December 13, 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)
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Regina Bonbr			
Balena Battist			
Tom Weller			
B. Smith			
John Smith			
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Jack Wozny			

Mary Washington  
Lois H. Hirsch  
Lidi M. M.

Pat Miller

Barbara Battlett

Cynthia Beer

Royce