

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, James McCann, Ray Burg, Jack Washington and Joyce Werkman. 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. 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. Chairman Harrower announced that Mr. Ray Burg has been officially appointed as a voting member of the Historical Commission.

2. *Acceptance of Minutes* – Chairman Harrower asked for a motion to accept the December 13, 2012 meeting minutes. Ms. Cynthia Green noted that under Museum Report: Mrs. Spruill stated that there will be a children's toy and clothing exhibit at the Art Museum in the near future and that a similar collection belonging to the Richard Wall Museum will be on display to coincide with that exhibit. Mr. Washington made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Burg and unanimously approved.

3. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee – Ms. Cohen reported that the Lecture for Black History Month is scheduled for February 14, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. at Curtis Hall. The regular meeting of the Historical Commission will be held at 6:30 p.m. The lecture is being sponsored in part by a grant from the Jenkinstown Lyceum. Ms. Cohen thanked Mr. Harrower for preparing the flyer. (See attached). Flyers were distributed to the members. Ms. Cohen asked members to post at the local businesses that the members frequent. Flyers will be mailed out to the public via the postal service and e-mail list. It will be advertised on Channel 42 and through Press Releases. Ms. Cohen announced that the National Preservation Month speaker will be Mr. William Pickens and the tentative topic will be "The Morrey's and Montiers: A Colonial Love Story." (See attached report).

Mr. Harrower asked for volunteers to sign up on the docent schedule. Mr. Harrower also thanked Mr. Washington and Mr. Burg for working as docents along with the student docents on December 30, 2012.

B. Preservation Committee Report – As a result of the Kerlin Farm discussions, 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. Under the PHMC guidelines for the National Register, for a property/building to be deemed historic, it would need to be 1) listed and 2) listed or eligible. Mr. Harrower would like to make a motion at the Planning Commission. Mr. Washington made a motion to support a change in the language in the Ordinance to be presented at the Planning Commission; seconded by Ms. Breen and unanimously approved.

C. Museum Committee Report – No report was given in the absence of Ms. Spruill.

4. Chairman’s Report – Chairman Harrower noted that Mr. Banks was recognized at the Board of Commissioners Meeting for his contributions to the Historical Commission and to other activities in the Township.

Mr. Harrower asked for volunteers to serve as the nominating committee for election of officers at next month’s meeting. Mr. Jim McCann and Ms. Barbara Bartlett agreed to serve on the nominating committee and will offer a slate of officers for 2013 at the February meeting. Ms. Cohen noted that in the past, regular reporting of the finances was made available and that a Financial Secretary should be appointed to make these reports.

5. Staff Report – The Township would like to file an application for the Certified Local Government Grant for consultant services for the Wyncote BHAR. Mr. Washington made a motion to recommend the filing of the CLG grant; seconded by Ms. Bartlett and unanimously approved.

6. Old Business – Mr. Harrower noted that a motion to approve \$50.00 for the Holiday Party was made in November but felt that the number should be increased by \$20.00. He made a motion to increase funding by \$20.00 for next year; seconded by Jack Washington and unanimously approved.

7. New Business – Mr. McCann announced that the Northeast Philadelphia History Network is sponsoring a fundraising effort to purchase back real photo postcards from the Bruce Conner collection on local history. Mr. McCann believes their goal is \$5,000.00. Chances to win a weekend at a Bed & Breakfast in Jim Thorpe or a DVD of the historic postcards are available. Mr. McCann suggested that the Historical Commission support the effort. Mr. McCann will coordinate. Mr. Harrower and Mr. McCann pledged to contribute.

Mr. McCann donated a mug commemorating Harold Pike's retirement from his testimonial dinner on December 31, 1967.

Mr. McCann also found the Boy Scout's Charter for the Cheltenham Tookany Troop and made a copy which he will bring to the next meeting.

Mr. Harrower noted that the exterior signage needs some attention. Ms. Cohen felt that it would be helpful to have an additional sign to direct on Sundays (sandwich board sign/directional sign). Mr. McCann suggested a little folder with tour map and history. Ms. Werkman noted that a real estate box for literature might be appropriate. It was suggested that this could be a Scout Project.

Ms. Werkman announced that in celebration of Black History Month, Camp William Penn will host a lecture at the La Mott Community Center on February 24, 2013 at 3:00 p.m. Mr. James Mundy, archivist for the Union League, will talk about "An Eagle on His Button and a Musket on His Shoulder." The Union League and the United States Colored Troops at Camp William Penn. There will be a music portion with a sing along. Mr. Harrower noted that drums beats can be found in the Colored Troops Training Manual. Paula Gidjunis, educator, will discuss "African American Women in the Civil War."

Ms. Werkman reminded everyone that on September 21, 2013 the Camp William Penn Centennial will be celebrated with a special community event.

8. *Moment in Time* – Mr. Jack Washington presented the following articles on behalf of Mary Washington: *Public Spirit*, January 10, 1929, Wanamaker Home Sold for One Million to Breyer Lindenhurst; *Public Spirit*, Saturday, October 9, 1911, Commissioners Organize, George D. Widener Again Chosen President. W. S. Schellenger – Vice President; and *Public Spirit*, December 14, 1895, New Ogontz Power Station Ready, Built by the People’s Traction Company, contains three engines and generators all of which are ready for use. (See Attached.)

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 8:20 P.M.



Bryan T. Havir
Acting Township Manager

Submitted by: Kathryn McDevitt



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, January 10, 2013

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)
Louise H. Hirsch			
J. Werkman			
D. Halloway			
Jack Washington			
			
Barbara Bartlett			
Louise Cohen			
Cynthia Green			
JAMES J. McCANN II			

EDUCATION REPORT

The next lecture sponsored by the Historical Commission is on Thursday, February 14, 2013, at 7:30 in Curtis Hall. The lecture celebrates Black History Month. The topic is "Octavious V. Catto --American Hero and Civil Rights Advocate. It will be presented by Dr. Anthony Waskie, professor at Temple University, author of "Philadelphia and the Civil War", active and founder of numerous museums and organizations connected to the Civil War. Catto's connection to Cheltenham includes his recruitment efforts for men to enlist for Camp William Penn.

We are pleased to receive a grant for this and the next lecture from the Jenkinstown Lyceum as we have in previous years. The amount is \$400 which I would like to use as follows: \$100 for an honorarium for the speaker, \$77.35 for mailing, and the rest for refreshments, approximately \$23.

The next lecture is in honor of National Preservation Month. Dr. William Pickens is the speaker and he has set the title of the talk as "The Morreys and the Montiers --a Colonial Love Story." Dr. Pickens is a descendent of the families mentioned. The date is May 9, 2013.

Many thanks to David Harrower for preparing this flyer for the Feb. 14 lecture and Kathy McDevitt for printing.



*The Cheltenham Township Historical Commission
Presents a Lecture in Celebration of*



Black History Month

Octavius V. Catto, American Hero and Civil Rights Crusader



Speaker: **Anthony Waskie, Ph.D.**

Professor in Civil War and Emancipation
Studies at Temple University

Civil War historian, and author of Philadelphia and the Civil War
Charter member of the Philadelphia Civil War History Consortium
Founder of Association of Mid-Atlantic Civil War Round Tables

Thursday, February 14, 2013 7:30 P.M.

Curtis Hall, 1250 W. Church Rd., Wyncote, PA
(the corner of Church Road and Greenwood Ave.)

Lecture co-sponsored by **The Jenkinstown Lyceum**
Free Admission, Handicapped Accessible, Refreshments

Preceded by the February Meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission 6:30 PM • Visitors Welcome
For further information: Visit our website at www.cheltenhamtownship.org or, Telephone 215-635-3168

MEN OF COLOR, TO ARMS! NOW OR NEVER!

Public Spirit

10 Jan 1929

Wanamaker Home Sold for

One Million to Breyer

Lindenhurst, the Wanamaker estate near Jenkintown, has been sold to Henry W. Breyer, of Elkins Park, by Wm Horkness, representing the estate of Rodman Wanamaker. The price it is reported is nearly \$1,000,000 which will go to the Presbyterian Hospital.

The purchase includes the beautiful mansion of more than fifty rooms, a dozen other buildings and seventy-seven acres of land on both sides of Old York Rd.

On this date

84 years ago,

10 January 1929

December

Public Spirit Saturday 9 Dec 1911

Commissioners Organize

George D. Widener Again Chosen
President.

W.S. Schellenger - Vice President

Public Spirit 14 Dec 1895

New Ogontz Power Station Ready

Built by the People's Traction Company

Contains three engines and generators

all of which are ready for use.