

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

Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Cynthia Breen, Ray Burg, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, Dorothy Spruill, Jack Washington, Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, and Dr. Tom Wieckowski. Staff present was Brian Hinson, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation. (see attached attendance list).

1. Call to Order – Chairman Jack Washington called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Washington asked for a motion to accept the September 12, 2013 meeting minutes. Ms. Werkman asked for a correction under Announcements, in the fourth sentence; the 17 thumbnail pictures received of the 25th Regiment officers are the most visible photographs available of all regiments. This makes the 25th Regiment the most visible of Camp William Penn. Mrs. Washington asked that a correction be made under Members present. Her name should to be added. She did attend the last meeting, and Mr. McCann's name should be removed. He did not attend the last meeting. Mrs. Washington also requested that a change be made under Adjournment; it was upon motion of Mrs. Washington and seconded by Mr. Harrower and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Mrs. Washington asked that a change be made under New Business; The CD's received regarding the history of Cheltenham, England went to the Historical Commission, Cheltenham High School Library, and the Old York Road Historical Society. Remove the name of Ms. Baumgarten from the notes regarding the CD's. Minutes were accepted as corrected.

3. Review of Financial Report - Dr. Wieckowski reported that 80% of the budgeted funds for the year have been expended out. Mr. Washington stated that when special groups give donations for tours, the money should be deposited under "tour money". The money that is in the hallway in the box should be listed under "donations" when being deposited. Donation money is not considered a paid tour.

4. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee Mr. Washington said there will be a presentation by Mr. Harrower and Dr. Wieckowski for Black History month regarding their latest research on Camp William Penn. The presentation will take place in February at Curtis Hall. Mr. Washington thanked Mr. Harrower and Dr. Wieckowski in advance for the upcoming presentation.

B. Preservation Committee Report Mr. Harrower stated that there was no report. Mr. Washington asked Mr. Harrower if he found someone to assist him on the Preservation Committee. Mrs. Washington volunteered to assist him.

C. Museum Committee Report Mrs. Spruill had an old health note from the Mayo Clinic. It was read by Ms. Werkman. It was information about a study on bacteria (tmao) believed to raise risk of heart disease (heart attack, stroke or death.). Ms. Spruill mentioned that one can lower the risk by eliminating pork, meat and egg yolks in your diet. Mr. Washington shared several old Philadelphia Newsletters. He mentioned that there were ads from Lit Brothers Department Store in the newsletters advertising swimsuits for only \$1.69 and derby hats for \$2.98. The newsletters were donated by a Mrs. Jerry Goldman 705 Glenside Avenue, Wyncote. Mr. Washington passed on two CD's, one on Kerlin Farm and one on Muellers Florist to be added to the archives. Mr. McCann shared a brick from the old Cheltenham High School from 1926-1959. Mr. McCann stated that only one hundred and fifty bricks were saved from the old school. The sale of the bricks benefited the Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. The cost was \$30 plus \$8 for shipping and handling. This particular brick was from Mrs. Merritt class of 1938, who passed away at 92 years old. Ms. Breen stated that she was asked to discuss some suggestions from the Historical Society of Pennsylvania about how items are kept at the Wall House such as textiles, photographs and print material. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania mentioned that the glass slides are an endangered item. They need to be cleaned and individually wrapped.

They recommended numbering and placing items in a more organized manner. Ms. Breen stated that it was very kind of the Historical Society to come out at no cost to evaluate the collections in the Wall House Museum.

5. *Chairman's Report* – (see attached) Mr. Washington requested that everyone do some reading of Jim Vaughan's "Building Better Communities" a book on the Pennsylvania's Preservation Plan for 2012 through 2017.

6. *Staff Report* – Mr. Hinson reported that the Community Harvest Festival has been cancelled due to inclement weather. Mr. Hinson mentioned that the festival will be held on the first Saturday in October instead of the usual second Saturday in 2014. Mr. Hinson announced the walking tour at Curtis was a success. Nancy Minich identified many trees and talked about the historic value of the trees. It was also discussed what trees may be added in the future on the property. Mr. McCann added that Abraham Barker may have planted a pear tree on the Curtis property in 1871. This tree may be an original pear tree noted on the Curtis property from Barker's Orchard. Mr. Hinson noted the tour was very interesting. More data on the trees located on the Curtis property will be available in the future. Mr. Hinson discussed the last meeting of the Curtis Arboretum Conservation and Landscape Management Plan. Some of the things discussed were the property lines and the PennDOT roadway widening project analysis for Greenwood Avenue and Church Road intersections and its impact on the Curtis Arboretum property. The next meeting will be November 14, 2013 starting at 7:30 P.M. at Curtis Hall. Mr. Hinson stated he and Mr. Washington have been discussing fund raising ideas. The ideas were programs geared toward children to raise money. Fund raising ideas are needed before the end of the year. Mrs. Washington suggested house tours of the many historical places in the Township. Dr. Wieckowski suggested garden tours of the Township. Mr. Hinson suggested that

the Committee consider bringing back Market Day. A decision has to be made by spring to go on next years calendar for Market Day.

7. Old Business- Dr. Wieckowski read a thank you letter from Ms. Werkman for all the help with the 150th Commemoration of the Troops of Camp William Penn. Mr. Washington requested documentation for money spent this year from a grant to the Historical Commission. It is needed for the Grantor. Mr. Washington thanked Mrs. Spruill for a donation she turned in.

8. New Business –Mr. Washington stated that a long range plan is what the Historical Commission needs to develop. A Vision and Mission statement is needed. Mr. Washington would like to work on both statements before the next Historical Commission meeting.

Mr. Washington would like to meet with everyone on Thursday, November 21, at 7:00 P.M. to work on the Vision and Mission statements.

9. Moment in History- Mrs. Washington gave a report (see attached).

10. Announcements – Mrs. Spruill requested that the Historical Commission have a Holiday Party. Mr. Washington said it could be discussed at the November meeting. Mrs. Washington announced the Old York Road Historical Society will be having an open house. Mr. Washington announced he has flyers for Hope Lounge's 32nd encampment program on November 2nd and 3rd. Colonial crafts will be available.

11. Adjournment - There being no further business, upon motion of Mrs. Spruill and seconded by Mr. Burg and approved by the Historical Commission, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, October 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)
Dorothy Spruell	Tom Weisbordi		
Stone Joice Workman			
Jack Washington			
Ray Bueg			
Dave Ferraver			
Lair Hirsch			
Jim McLean III			
Barbara Bartlett			
Mary Washington			
Cynthia Breen			

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 10-10-13 CTHC

STUDENT docents began on 10-6-13
Thank you MR. MARROWER for the contact
information.

Students are to sign in each time
they are here volunteering. Clip board
provided by the T.V.

Orientation is to begin with the
showing of the film. The film is the way
the public learns about the Walls and the
Boslers. Talking heads do not provide
the introduction that people glean from a
media presentation. The evolution of the
house may follow using the graphic.

Trained students are to conduct the
tours. Our visitors identify well with
what the students are trying to convey.

I would hope those of you on
Sunday duty have read Jim Vaughan's
Building Better Communities: the Preservation
of Place in Pennsylvania - the state's
official preservation plan for 2012 through
2017

Moments in History Oct 2013

Sat 10 Oct 1896 Public Spirit
Through the efforts of teachers
and pupils a fine piano has been
placed in Shoemaker school.

Sat 14 Oct 1905 Times Chronicle
Wyncote Whispers
Miss Abby McClure is teaching
French in the Chelton Hills School
on Mathew Avenue

Sat 23 Oct 1915 Times Chronicle
The Smith, Kline, French Company
manufacturing druggists of Philadelphia
have started a manufacturing plant
at the old Meyers & Erwin mill
property corner of Church & Mill Road

SHOVEL SHOP (92-418)
INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	CUMULATIVE TOTAL
	BUDGET BALANCE - \$2,118.00													2,118.00
ADD: RECEIPTS														
92418R1051000	RENT-BLDG PROPERTY/EQUIPMENT													
92418R1200000	LOCAL AID													
92418R1203000	STATE GRANT													
92418R1208999	TRANSFERS													
92418R1209000	FEDERAL/COUNTY GRANT													
92418R1305000	DONATIONS													
92418R1305001	FRIENDS OF													
TOTAL RECEIPTS:														
LESS: EXPENSES														
9241892-34000	TELEPHONE													
9241892-41000	REPAIRS CONTRACTED													
9241892-72000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES													
9241892-74000	CONTRACTED SERVICES													
9241992-74407	MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS													
9241892-96000	MISCELLANEOUS													
TOTAL EXPENSES:														
TOTAL AT MONTH END:														2,118.00

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