

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

Members present were: Ray Burg, Louise Cohen, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, Jack Washington, Mary Washington, and Dr. Tom Wieckowski. Staff present was: Brian Hinson, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation. Guest present was: Bruce Weitzman (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 November 14, 2013 meeting minutes. Ms. Cohen asked for a correction under Education Committee, Dr. Wieckowski and Mr. Harrower were commended for a successful program at Old York Road Historical Society. Ms. Cohen also asked for a correction under Museum Committee, Ms. Cohen requested that volunteers come out to work on Sundays. Mrs. Washington asked that a black and white photograph with the original wooden picture frame of the Bossler Family 17th reunion during the year 1942 be added to the minutes under “Announcements” with Mr. McCann’s presentation. The picture was given to the Historical Commission for the Wall House. Mr. McCann asked that under “Announcements” note that the pictures were donated by the estate of Doris Mayer. Mr. McCann asked that a donated historical 1940’s map of the Old York Road Historical Society in a frame be added to the minutes. Mr. McCann made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; and was unanimously approved.

3. Review of Financial Report - Dr. Wieckowski and Mr. Washington questioned how two checks they received would be processed. Dr. Wieckowski also questioned the process of how checks are deposited by the Township for the Historical Commission. Mr. Hinson explained the process for the two donations received, and how all donations are processed and placed in the Commission accounts under certain categories.

Mrs. Washington asked about the separate categories of Commission donations. Mr. Washington explained the "Friends of" account number is #5001 and the account number for "Donations" is # 5000 to clarify. Mr. Hinson stated that copies of checks will be made when they are received.

4. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee Ms. Cohen requested funds for lecture expenses for such items as electric, \$75 for mailings and refreshments usually cost \$35. (see attached). There is also a need for funds to make 500 flyers. Mr. Hinson said the flyers can be done in house (at the Township) Ms. Cohen will be requesting the e-mail addresses to save on postage. Ms. Cohen asked for ideas for upcoming lecture/program in May of next year. A motion was made by Mrs. Washington and seconded by Mr. McCann for Ms. Cohen to receive funds she requested for upcoming events. seconded by Dr. Wieckowski --- to accept the Jenkinstown Lyceum Grant for year 2014. Ms. Cohen will be able to use some of the funding for items she requested.

B. Preservation Committee Report Mr. Harrower stated that he will be meeting with Mr. Hinson in the near future.

C. Museum Committee Report Ms. Cohen is still requesting volunteers to cover at the Wall House on Sundays.

5. ***Chairman's Report*** – (see attached) Mr. Washington announced that the next edition of the newsletter the "Wall Paper" must be submitted to the Township Manager office's for review and approval before it is printed and distributed. The Wall House phone and answering machine are working well. Dr. Wieckowski requested from the secretary and from the Historical Commission to give complete information and the full names of any person who is giving a donation, their location and description regarding the donation. He gets this information from the Historical Commission minutes. He will need the information for the newsletter.

Mr. Washington gave a "Mission Statement" update and what guidelines it should include. (see attached)

Mr. Washington would like to arrange for the long range planning committee to return the beginning of next year to work on and complete a mission statement and to set 3-5 goals for the new year.

6. Staff Report – Mr. Hinson stated that fundraising ideas are still needed in writing. Mr. Hinson reminded the Commission again that ideas and decisions must be made before the year 2014 to start planning, and that they should still consider bringing back Market Day. Mr. Hinson said that he must received ideas soon or there will be no funds. He also stated it would be good to get the ideas and dates on the Township calendar because it reaches a wide range of people in the community. Dr Wieckowski previously suggested a garden tour, Mrs. Washington previously suggested house tours. Mr. Washington asked that ideas be placed in writing soon. Ideas will be discussed at next meeting. Mr. Hinson was not able to attend the last meeting for the Curtis Arboretum Conservation and Landscape Management Plan. He will give an update at the next Historical Commission meeting. Mr. Hinson said everyone should have received a Citizens Committee Incumbents by e-mail. It stated in the e-mail to notify the Township if your Committee position was expiring this year and you are up for election. The Township needs to know if you wish to stay on or resign from the position. Mr. Burg, Ms. Hirsch, and Dr. Wieckowski all indicated their desire to be reappointed to another two-year term.

7. Old Business- None.

8. New Business- There is a possibility there will be funding from the Jenkinstown Lyceum Grant. Dr. Wieckowski made a motion that the grant be accepted if awarded. Ms. Werkman second, unanimously approved.

Mr. Harrower made a motion that the Commission not approve authorizing its annual membership to Pennsylvania Preservation including its quarterly magazine. Mr. Washington asked that everyone takes a look at the Alliance Preservation Magazine. Heritage Magazine also asks for a donation of \$50. Mr. Washington stated that the Committee will receive the magazine even if a donation is not sent in. Mr. Harrower made a motion that based on the Commission's current financial status, there should not be a donation for the Heritage Magazine. Ms. Cohen seconded the motion.

9. Moment in History- Mrs. Washington gave a report (see attached). There was also a newspaper article given to Mrs. Washington by Mr. Harrower regarding Camp William Penn from the Philadelphia inquirer December 1863.

10. Announcements – Mr. McCann was concerned about some historical picture with frames that were removed from the Cheltenham Township bank walls. The walls were painted over but the pictures were not placed back on the walls. He is searching for someone who can help him to with this matter. Mr. McCann received 20 volumes of books from the old Cheltenham Township Bank that were dated February 29, 1924 –October 21, 1935. Lengthy discussion ensued on where the books would be stored. It was agreed by the Commission that the books can be preserved better at the Old York Road Historical Society (OYRHS) archives. Dr. Wieckowski who is also vice president of the OYRHS, made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCann, that the books be submitted to OYRHS because of the expertise of preservation of documents that is given there. Mr. Harrower wanted to know if the books will only be taken care of by OYRHS, yet be owned by the Historical Commission. A motion was made and unanimously approved by the Commission that the books be cared for by the OYRHS on loan, but will still belong to Cheltenham Township Historical Commission.

11. Good and Welfare- Mr. Washington stated that he has been keeping track of attendance and that this is the lowest attendance there has been. There are eight tonight. Mr. Washington expressed the importance of attendance to Historical Commission meetings. Mr. Washington welcomed guest Mr. Weitzman a Cheltenham Township resident for many years.

12. Adjournment - There being no further business, Chairman Washington adjourned at 8:30 P.M. Refreshments were served after the meeting.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, December 12, 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)
Jack Washington			
Dave Harrower			
Lois H. Kirsch			
Louise Cohen			
Ruby			
Mary Washington			
Bruce Weitzman			

Education Committee Report

This report is to request funding for the February Black History Month Lecture. Mailing costs will be about \$75 and refreshment costs are estimated at \$35. We will also need about 500 flyers. We anticipate that all the Historical Commissioners will help with publicity and distribution of flyers.

We ask that you submit names for the e mail list, if possible, or the mailing list, also.

Our next scheduled lecture is for May, National Preservation Month. Please help with ideas for a program or a speaker for that occasion.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 19 DECEMBER 2013

IT IS NOTED THAT FUTURE EDITIONS OF THE WALL PAPER NEED TO BE APPROVED PRIOR TO PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION.

MUSEUM CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING AND INCLEMENT WEATHER.

ADDED TO TOOK DISPLAY WOOD BAR CLAMPS AND AUGERS.

WORKED WITH DR. WIECHOWSKI ON HIS TAKE AWAY CARD ON THE KESSLER TOOK COLLECTION. SAMPLE IS HISTORICALLY CORRECT.

MAINTENANCE: BOUGHT AND INSTALLED SEVERAL CANDLES, REPLACED MISSING KNOB ON FIREPLACE DOOR, PRESENT FOR ELECTRIC METER CHANGE OVER ON 12-9-13 AND RETURNED LOANER PHONE TO THE TOWNSHIP.

NEGOTIATED A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CUB SCOUTS WORKING ON THEIR WOLF BADGE. PROGRAM INVOLVES HANDS ON ACTIVITIES AND MUSEUM TOUR.

Jack Washington

THE RECENTLY ACQUIRE BOSSLER REUNION PICTURE, THE NEWSPAPERS FROM Mrs Goldman AND THE MEMORABILIA FROM MR. MCCANN HAVE BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE CURATOR.

Times Chronicle Saturday Dec 10 1910

Ogontz and Elkins Park

At a meeting of the Commissioners on Tuesday, they accepted the small stretch of Park Avenue running into Ashbourne road at the Stefano Property, which hitherto has not been on the map of the township and took care of itself

Moment in History

SPECIAL NOTICES.

CHELLENHAM TOWNSHIP, DEC. 15, 1863.—
It is designed to treat the Soldiers at "Camp William Penn" to a Christmas Dinner.

Persons willing to contribute to this worthy purpose in Money, Vegetables or Fruit, or in Provisions, such as Ham, Poultry, Pickles, Biscuits, Pie, Cake, &c., cooked and ready to be served, will please inform either of the undersigned by Monday evening, the 21st inst., as to the kind and quantity they will furnish.

The Provisions should be at the Camp (corner of County Line and Penrose avenue) on Christmas morning, not later than 10 o'clock. A Receiving Committee will be in attendance at the school Building on the Camp Grounds, to take charge of articles as sent in.

There will be at the Camp, in the newly erected Barracks, the Eighth Regiment United States Colored Troops, complete, eight hundred men, and their officers, and about two hundred and forty men of the regiment now forming.

Contributions from Philadelphia left by or before eight o'clock, A. M., on Christmas, at the rooms of the Supervisory Committee, No. 1210 CHESTNUT Street, in care of Mr. Corson, will reach the Camp in season.

CHARLES BOSLER, Shoemakertown.

ISAAC SHOEMAKER, Cheltenham Township.

MARMADUKE MOORE, Abington Township.

Mrs. SAMUEL KIMMER, Jenkinton.

Mrs. ANNE D. B. NEARS, Branch Town.

GEORGE K. HELLER, Sultown.

Rev. ROBERT J. PARVIN, Chelton Hills.

E. M. DAVIS, Philadelphia; or

Capt. GEORGE E. HEATH,

Post Adjutant, at the Camp.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, December 18, 1863

CHRISTMAS DAY AT CAMP WILLIAM PENN.

—Quite a lively time is expected at Camp William Penn on Christmas Day. The friends of the regiments there have been sending in their donations of turkeys, &c., and a grand dinner is to be given the men. A grand parade will take place during the day, and will up with a *shra* fight. Those who have never seen a *real* fight had better visit the camp on that day.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, December 24, 1863

HEAD-QUARTERS CAMP WILLIAM PENN

Cheltenham Hills, Pa., January 6, 1865

The undersigned begs leave to return the thanks of the men of his command to their friends whose names are annexed, for their liberal contributions of money and goods to the Christmas dinner provided for them. With many wishes for pleasant returns of that festive occasion to one and all, they remain their grateful servants.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF MONEY.

Contribution by Supervisory Committee.....	\$50.00
Do. do. Saunders Lewis	5.00
Do. do. William Sellers	5.00
Do. do. Lindley Smith	5.00
Do. do. S. S. White.....	5.00
Do. do. ___ Demar.....	5.00
Do. do. William Still	10.00
Do. do. Thomas Meyear.....	2.00
Do. do. _____ Grobes	5.00
Do. do. _____ Steck	5.00
_____	\$97.00

Collected by E. M. Davis: -

Contribution by Charles Richardson.....	10.00
Do. do. _____ Aubin.....	10.00

Collected by E. T. Shaw: -

Contribution by C. Spencer	25.00
Do. do. P. S. Justice.....	10.00
Do. do. E. N. Wright	10.00
Do. do. T. T. Lea	10.00
Do. do. Dr. Noble	2.00
Do. do. G. V. Brown.....	1.00
Do. do. J. T. Perot.....	5.00
Do. do. T. Smith	5.00
Do. do. J. L. Claghorn.....	10.00
Do. do. E. W. Clark & Co.....	20.00
Do. do. F. A. Hoyt.....	5.00
Do. do. S. Shipley.....	5.00
Do. do. Abraham Barker.....	5.00
Do. do. John W. Thomas.....	10.00
Do. do. George Bullock.....	50.00
Do. do. Jay Cooke & Co.	50.00

Do. do. E. T. Shaw..... 50.00

Collected by Miss Martha Shoemaker: -

Contribution by Warner Raisin.....	5.00
Do. do. Charles Sharpless.....	5.00
Do. do. Moses Brannin.....	1.00

\$304.00
 97.00

Total \$401.00

CONTRIBUTIONS OF GOODS

Mrs. A. DeB. Mears; Miss Martha Shoemaker; Jas. Mott; Henry C. Davls; Thomas Mellor; J. Heacock; Wm. B. Birchall; Soldiers' Aid Society of Weldon; and many friends of Cheltenham and Abington townships, Montgomery county, whose names I was not able to obtain.

LOUIS WAGNER

Lieut.-Col. 88th Pa. Vols., Commanding Post

Mission Statement should
include:

What it is promoting;

public awareness

interpretation

educational use

collections