

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight. Members present were: Cynthia Breen, Louise Cohen, Herschel Elias, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, 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* – Acting Director Mr. Hinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Mr. Hinson suggested that in the future meetings for reorganization and election of officers be held at an earlier time.

*2. Reorganization and Election of Officers* – Mr. Hinson stated that there was no Nominating Committee selected at the last meeting, therefore no nominations for new officials were offered. The Committee as a whole was asked by Mr. Washington to choose officials for the year. He asked current officials to announce whether or not they would serve another year. Mr. Washington announced that he will be stepping down as Chairman of the Commission. The two reasons he stated were: there are people appointed who are not active with the Commission and do not attend the meetings and only eight (8) people usually attend the meetings out of the twenty two (22) on the Commission. He also noted that there were too many road blocks and lack of support. Ms. Werkman asked if she could rebut Mr. Washington's decision and stated that Mr. Washington has done a good job and should reconsider being the Chairman for another year. Mr. Washington stated that Ms. Werkman has been very helpful in many ways including with a more recent issue regarding a tour request. Mr. Washington nicely declined. Mr. Hinson requested a nomination for a new Chairman. There was no nomination made and no new Chairman was appointed. A nomination was requested for Vice Chairman. Mr. McCann declined the position and stepped down from his position as Vice Chairman. A nomination was requested for Financial Secretary. Dr. Wieckowski accepted the position as Financial Secretary.

However, he would like to discuss some other matters at a later date regarding the Committee.

Dr. Wieckowski was unanimously elected as Financial Secretary. Ms. Cohen accepted her position on the Education Committee for another year. Mr. Harrower will also continue another year with the Preservation Committee. Dorothy Spruill was not available at the meeting to speak of her position on the Museum Committee. There being no other nominations Mr. Hinson asked for a motion of acceptance, it was second by Ms. Werkman.

**3. *Acceptance of Minutes*** – Mr. Washington made a motion to accept the January 9, 2014 minutes and was seconded by Ms. Werkman and unanimously approved.

**4. *Financial Report*** – No report.

**5. *Committee Reports***

A. Education Committee – Ms. Cohen circulated a schedule for volunteer work on Sundays. She announced there will be a program for National Preservation during the month of May. Mrs. Washington will be speaking during the event. Ms. Cohen thanked Dr. Wieckowski and Ms. Vann for helping with the flyer for the event. She also wanted to thank Mr. Harrower and Dr. Wieckowski for rescheduling the event.

B. Preservation Committee Report – No report.

C. Museum Committee Report – No report.

D. Special Events- No report.

**6. *Chairman's Report*** – (See attached) Mr. Washington made a few statements: He suggested to Ms. Cohen that the Education Committee flyer only be distributed in the local area of the Historical Commission. Mr. Washington passed out information about the bridge being demolished behind the Public Works building. Mr. Tom Walsh gave a plaque to Mr. Washington from the bridge dated 1909. (See attached). Mr. Washington noted that he turned in cash and a check to the Township. Mr. Washington passed around a picture of the Boy Scouts

that participated in a tour at the Wall House. Mr. Washington would like the tour sign for the Wall House to be placed on a flat surface so it is not knocked over during tours.

**7. Staff Report** –Mr. Hinson asked that all receipts be turned in for the night’s event. Mr. Hinson asked if the Commission would like to renew the subscription to the Preservation Pennsylvania Magazine. Mr. Washington made a motion to renew the magazine. Mr. Harrower asked if the Commission had the money. He was told that the money was available. Mr. Harrower seconded the motion. Mr. Hinson asked if the members wanted to approve the subscription for the National Alliance Preservation magazine. Mr. Washington stated that this magazine was more expensive. Mr. Harrower noted that to ensure history continuing to be told; he suggested subscribing too one of the magazines. Ms. Werkman suggested alternating magazines yearly. The decision was not to renew the subscription for the NAP magazine this year. Mr. Hinson presented the opportunity for a grant that came in from the Manager’s office. It’s called the Philadelphia Stewardship Grant Program. Mr. Washington recommended that the Commission apply for the grant only if the Township pays the match. It is a \$2,500 matching grant. A motion was made by Mr. Washington to apply for the grant. Mr. Washington wanted the Commission to send out condolences to the Greenberg family regarding the recent passing of Reynold Greenberg (See attached). Ms. Werkman suggested that there be some kind of recognition of Reynold Greenberg work with the Township. She stated she has discussed this matter with Mr. Havir in the past.

**8. Old Business** - Mr. Washington thanked Mr. Harrower for organizing some boxes at the Wall House. Mr. Washington invited Mr. Rowland to attend the meeting to discuss the status with the museum archiving. Mr. Washington made a motion that the materials that have not been archived be turned over to the Old York Road Historical Society for better care and archiving.

March 13, 2014 6:30 p.m.  
Curtis Hall

Mr. Harrower noted that more organization of archiving is being done. The group unanimously approved.

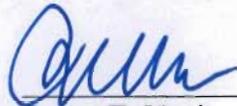
9. *New Business* - Mr. McCann asked if he could have support from the Commission for his daughter who is a school teacher with information for her students.

10. *Moment in History* –Mrs. Washington gave a report. (See attached)

11. *Announcements* – Mr. Hinson passed a flyer around he received from Mr. Harrower on an upcoming event. (See attached) Mr. Washington thanked Mr. Hinson, Mr. Dunleavy and Ms. Vann for their support over the past year.

12. *Good and Welfare* - No report.

13. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, Mr. Washington adjourned at 7:30 P.M.



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Bryan T. Havir  
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann

From: Jack Washington

04 March 2014

Mr. Tom Walsh was looking out for the Historical Commission when the bridge behind the Public Works yard was demolished.

Mr. Walsh is a Township employee. He saved the plaque that had been affixed to the bridge. It is dated and lists the Town

Commissioners at the time 1909. Also the manufacturer. He researched, on-line, the names and provided a background on each.

They all were connected with Ogontz (the community) at the time.

Times Chronicle Saturday March 25, 1911  
Ogontz and Elkins Park  
Mr. C. D. Barney is building a new laundry

Times Chronicle Saturday March 3, 1917  
The Gates Are Not Taking Tolls  
On Germantown and Willow Grove Plank Road  
Now Possible to Drive the Five Mile Stretch  
Willow Paying Toll at Four places  
Willow Grove, Weldon, Glenside and at  
W. W. Harrison's premises "Grey Towers."

Public Spirit Saturday 29 March 1919  
Cheltenham Township News  
Acting on a report that the Reading Railway  
is preparing to ask permission to close  
Ashbourne road at Ashbourne, residents  
have filed a protest with the Cheltenham  
Township and Montgomery County  
Commissioners. The protest is signed by  
members of the Ashbourne Improvement  
Association, of which Samuel H. Magargal  
is president

**GREENBERG**

REYNOLD H. JR., on March 8,  
2014 of Elkins Park, PA.  
Husband of the late Ruth (nee  
Weber) and the late Mary Korn;  
father of Susan (the late Jerry)  
Green, Dena (Adam) Sussman,  
Gary (Victoria) Green, Alan  
(Dori) Green and the late  
Randy Greenberg; also  
survived by 7 grandchildren  
and 3 great grandchildren.  
Relatives and friends are  
invited to Services Monday 10  
A.M. JOSEPH LEVINE AND  
SONS MEMORIAL CHAPEL,  
4737 Street Road, Trevose, Int.  
Roosevelt Memorial Park.  
Shiva will be observed Monday  
and Tuesday at the residence of  
Dena and Adam Sussman. In  
lieu of flowers contributions in  
his memory may be made to  
Rodeth Shalom, 615 N. Broad  
St., Phila., PA 19123.

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**When:**

Saturday, April 5, 2014  
8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Where:**

County Council Meeting Room  
Government Center Building  
201 W. Front Street  
Media, PA 19063

**Speakers:**

**Heather Reiffer**

Executive Director, Historic Sugartown

**Leslie Krowchenko**

Delaware County News Network Correspondent

**Emily Cooperman**

Consultant

**FREE**

\*\*\*\* See Below for Registration Form \*\*\*\*



**THE HERITAGE COMMISSION  
OF DELAWARE COUNTY**  
Presents a FREE Workshop

**All about Tours:  
From the Concept to the Presentation**

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**  
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Government Center Building  
Media, PA

**This workshop is for historical societies, historic sites, historical groups, archives, and anyone else who wants to learn more about historic house and theme tours, from initial steps and marketing to the day of the tour. The presentations will include information on organizing a tour, including deciding on a concept, coordinating with others, and the organizational process. Speakers will also discuss advertising the event. The workshop will conclude with a presentation on how to engage the audience during the tour.**

**AGENDA**

8:30 – 9:00	<b>Coffee and Pastry</b>
9:00 – 9:10	<b>Welcome</b>
9:10 – 9:15	<b>Introductions</b> Richard Paul, Chairman, Heritage Commission
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Where to Begin: Organizing</b> Heather Reiffer, Executive Director, Historic Sugartown
9:45-10:15	<b>Getting the Word Out: Advertising</b> Leslie Krowchenko, Delaware County News Network Correspondent
10:15– 10:30	<b>Break – Coffee and Pastry</b>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Giving a Tour: Engaging the Audience</b> Emily Cooperman, Consultant
11:00-11:30	<b>Breakout Groups</b>
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Questions and Answers</b>

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ Organization (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: Mail to: Heritage Commission c/o Delaware County Planning Department, 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA 19063  
Or E-mail Above Information to: [hallj@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:hallj@co.delaware.pa.us) ; Questions? Call 610 891-4910 or email [hallj@co.delaware.pa.us](mailto:hallj@co.delaware.pa.us)



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Historical Commission Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 13, 2014

Carriage House

One Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027

(Please Print Clearly)

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