

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

Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Cynthia Breen, David Harrower, Lois Hirsch, Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, and new member Timothy Esposito. 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 7:30 P.M.

2. The Continuation of Reorganization and Election of Officers – Mr. Hinson stated that at the last meeting Mr. Washington announced that he was stepping down as Chairman of the Commission and Mr. McCann has also stepped down as Vice Chairman. Ms. Breen made a motion to nominate Mr. Harrower as Chairman; Ms. Hirsch seconded the motion. Nominations were closed. Mr. Harrower was elected unanimously as Chairman of the Commission. There were no nominations for Vice Chairman. Nominations for Vice Chairman will be held at the next meeting. Mr. Harrower stated he looks forward to working with everyone on the Commission. He also acknowledged Tim Esposito as a new member of the Commission. Each member of the Commission introduced themselves to Mr. Esposito.

3. Acceptance of Minutes – Ms. Werkman asked that special attention be made in the minutes when motions are made and voting takes place. Ms. Werkman also requested that a note be placed in the March 13, 2014 minutes under Adjournment, regarding the Black History Program that took place after the meeting. Mrs. Washington made a motion to approve the corrections and accept the meeting minutes from March 13, 2014 and was seconded by Ms. Bartlett and unanimously approved.

4. Financial Report – A review of the financial report was made by Mr. Hinson. Mr. Hinson said Mr. Washington deposited tour money which is reflected in the recent financial report. Mr. Harrower wanted to know the Historical Commission budget balance on the financial report. Mr. Hinson stated that the balance is \$2,921.00. Mrs. Washington had a few questions regarding

expenses listed on the Wall House financial report regarding contracted services, janitorial services and payments for the speakers on the financial report. Mr. Hinson noted that he will check with the accounting department in the Township and report back at the next meeting.

5. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Washington gave a report for the Education Committee on behalf of Mrs. Cohen who could not be at the meeting tonight. Mrs. Washington announced the lecture that will take place next month Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Curtis Hall for National Historic Preservation Month (see flyer). Mrs. Washington will be the speaker for the lecture. Mrs. Washington also announced that the Wall House would be closed on Sundays, April 13 and April 20, 2014. Mr. Harrower mentioned that Mrs. Cohen requested that volunteers who can assist with the Wall House tours in the next few months especially the end of April, May and June, please contact her to let her know. Mr. Harrower can also provide dates needed for volunteers to help with tours at the Wall House on upcoming Sundays. Mr. Harrower stated that the Historical Commission meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. next month at Curtis Hall.

B. Preservation Committee Report – Mr. Harrower asked that someone take over his position on the Preservation Committee since he will now be taking over as Chairman. Mrs. Washington agreed that she will assist with the Preservation Committee. Mr. Harrower announced that there are compromises being worked on regarding the Laverock Hill building and development projects in areas between Springfield and Cheltenham. Lengthy discussion ensued. There will be future updates, and all are welcome to come to the Planning Commission meetings or see the Township Website for more information. Mrs. Washington wanted to know if there were any request for demolition permits lately and if the Historical Commission can still be notified. Mr. Hinson stated that he has not received any notices and if he receives any from the Planning and Zoning Department he would notify the Commission.

C. Museum Committee Report – Mr. Harrower stated the importance of showing the video on the history of the Wall House to visitors when they first arrive at the Wall House Museum. Mrs. Washington stated that the film is not always shown to visitors by students who volunteer to help with the house tours.

D. Special Events- No report.

6. *Chairman's Report* – None

7. *Staff Report* – None

8. *Old Business* - Mr. Harrower shared information on a workshop he attended on giving tours at historical sites.

9. *New Business* - Mrs. Washington announced that the Old York Road Historical Society held nine programs for eighth graders at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy along with students from other locations a few weeks ago. There were nine sites viewed within the Township. Ms. Catherine McCann (daughter of member Jim McCann) was involved in the program. Maps, pictures, and a film of the Township history and sites were shared with the children. Mrs. Washington said this may become an ongoing program. Mr. Harrower mentioned that there are students who will be visiting from Myers Elementary School on future Wall House tour dates. Mrs. Washington suggested that the children visiting the Wall House for tours be shown the video on the history of the Wall House before the tour. This will give all visitors a better understanding of the Wall House.

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

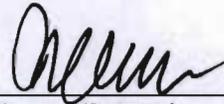
11. *Announcements* – Mr. Harrower announced that he received an e-mail from Mr. Wieckowski stating that he will be doing outside yard work (raking leaves and planting) at the Wall House on Saturday, April 26th starting approximately at 9:00 a.m. to coincide with the

April 10, 2014 7:30 p.m.
Carriage House

Earth Day clean-up activities. Anyone who wishes to volunteer their time to help will be appreciated.

12. *Good and Welfare* – Mr. Harrower asked if there was anything being done to memorialize Mr. Reynold Greenberg a former member of the Historical Commission who passed away last month. Mr. Harrower said he will speak with Commissioner Drew Sharkey on preparing a memorial for Mr. Reynold Greenberg.

13. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, Mr. Harrower adjourned at 8:30 P.M.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, April 10, 2014

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)
Barbara Bartlett			
Workman			
Dave Harrower			
Lois H. HIRSCH			
Timothy Esposito			
Mary Washington			
Cynthia Green			

Public Spirit 4 April 1896 Saturday

Wyncote Gossip

The trees on Greenwood avenue are being removed preparatory to the widening of the road.

Joseph Heacock will shortly erect a fine house in Wyncote. Smith & Schively will furnish the lumber. Edward Heacock has the contract.

Public Spirit 12 April 1919 Saturday

Cheltenham Township News

Ogontz - Elkins Park - Ashbourne - Cheltenham Village

Harold C. Pike, Montgomery county introduced a bill at Harrisburg increasing legal limit of butter fats in milk from $3\frac{3}{4}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.



The Cheltenham Township Historical Commission
Presents a Lecture to Celebrate
National Historic Preservation Month



*Along Old York Road: An illustrated talk
from the earliest days to the 1940's,
from trolleys to trolley cars and beyond...*

Mary Washington

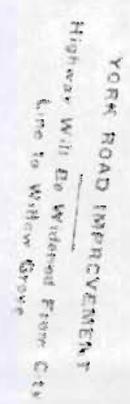
Cheltenham Township Historical Commission – Member
Old York Road Historical Society – Board Member and Volunteer

Thursday, May 8, 2014, 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 Jenkintown Lyceum
Free Admission, Handicapped Accessible, Refreshments
(*Following the monthly meeting of the Historical Commission at 6:30 PM)

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More Than 200 Years Old, Still a Main Highway.