

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

Members present were: Louise Cohen, Timothy Esposito, 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 – Chairman David Harrower called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Harrower asked for a motion to accept the April 10, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. Harrower stated that the Myers Elementary School 4th Grade will be visiting the Wall House Museum on May 28, 2014 with a rain date of May 30, 2014 and asked that the correct dates be amended in the minutes. Mrs. Cohen made a motion to accept the meeting minutes from April 10, 2014 as corrected; seconded by Dr. Wieckowski and unanimously approved.

3. Financial Report – Mr. Washington wanted to know what the policy was when a member receives honorarium money when they do a lecture or program. Is the member supposed to donate the money to the Historical Commission, or is it theirs to keep? Mrs. Cohen suggested that a policy be developed for this issue. It was agreed that the Commission should discuss this matter at a later date. Mr. Harrower asked whether the financial report is set up on the fiscal year or the calendar year. Mr. Hinson stated that the fiscal year is January to December and the report follows the calendar year. Mr. Harrower questioned clarification on some budgeted items and the beginning balance in January. Mr. Harrower also asked Mr. Hinson to investigate and compare the monthly cost of the phone services listed on the monthly phone bill. There were other questions on the amounts of various other yearly bills which Mr. Hinson answered.

Lengthy discussion ensued.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Cohen asked for donation for refreshments being served for lecture tonight after the meeting. Mrs. Washington made a motion to give monies for the food; seconded by Dr. Wieckowski and unanimously approved.

B. Preservation Committee Report – Mr. Harrower is still asking that someone take over his position on the Preservation Committee since he is now the Chairman. Mrs. Washington wanted to know if there was any recent request for demolition permits. Mr. Hinson stated that he has not received any notifications from the Planning and Zoning Department.

C. Museum Committee Report – Mrs. Cohen asked for volunteers to sign up on the sign up sheet to help at the Wall House. Mr. Washington asked that lights be checked at the Wall House in back of the Carriage House because they are left on periodically when not necessary. Mrs. Washington asked that the Wall House video be shown at the school to the students at Myers Elementary School before their visit at the Wall House. Mr. Harrower stated that Mr. Schmidt (a teacher at Myers Elementary) will be showing the students the Wall House video before their visit. Mr. Washington asked if a new video could be made before it is shown again at the Wall House because it has a line running through the video when playing. Dr. Wieckowski said he would be able to repair the video.

D. Special Events- Mr. Harrower spoke on the future of having a Garden and House tour. He felt that House tours may be more complicated requiring more volunteers than the Commission has members. Mr. and Mrs. Washington stated that house tours are not always complicated. Mrs. Cohen suggested that there be a partnership with Elkins Park Station, who has a historical exhibit fair. The fair could be held at Glenside Hall.

5. Chairman's Report – No Report

6. Staff Report –No Report

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7. Old Business – No Report

8. New Business – A gentleman named Mr. Roddy Davis came to the meeting to ask if the Commission would be interested in allowing him to do a slide presentation and a showing of historical items he has collected over the years on history of the Township. Mr. Davis gave out a brochure listing his programs. Mrs. Cohen will be contacting him for more information.

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

10. Announcements – Mr. McCann announced an upcoming free tour on May 15, 2014 at the Emlen House in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

11. Good and Welfare – No Report

12. Adjournment - There being no further business, Mr. Washington made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Dr. Wieckowski. Mr. Harrower adjourned the meeting at 7:30 P.M. and the Commission then held the Preservation Month lecture.



Bryan T. Haver
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann

TC Saturday May 18, 1912

Wyncote

Mr & Mrs Cyrus Curtis, who have spent several weeks cruising on their yacht, Lyndonia from Charleston S.C. to Philadelphia, stopping on the way at various resorts, arrived in town on Saturday. Mr & Mrs Curtis had as their guests on the homeward trip Mrs John Gribbel & Miss Adella Gribbel of Wyncote & Mrs Martin

Ashbourne

Montgomery avenue is receiving some much-needed attention from the Highway Department of the township. The concrete mixer has been moved from the newly made wall on High School Road to a position near the Old York Road Fuel House.



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

Historical Commission Regular Meeting @ 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, May 8, 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)
Lois Hirsch			
David Harkover			
Timothy Esposito			
Louise Cohen			
Jack Washington			
Joyce Werkman			
Tom Wiecekowski			
Jim McCann ^{Jr}			
Mary Washington			