

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

Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Timothy Esposito, Lois Hirsch, 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 – Dr. Wieckowski called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Washington made a motion to accept the May 8, 2014 meeting minutes; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

Dr. Wieckowski stated that a Chairman and a Vice Chairman are needed for the Historical Commission and asked if there were any nominations for the two vacant positions. Mr. Harrower who was the current Chairman has recently stepped down from the position. Mr. Washington volunteered to fill either position. Ms. Werkman suggested that the Historical Commission take a break for the summer and close the Wall House, then make a determination on who should fill the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman, because of several changes/transitions that have taken place recently within the group. She suggested the Commission re-evaluate the mission and commitments of the Historical Commission. Dr. Wieckowski stated closing the Museum for the summer and choosing a Chairman and Vice Chairman were two separate issues. He suggested solving the problem of leadership first then make the decision on the closing down of the Wall House. Mr. Hinson agreed that the leadership issue must be solved first. Mr. Washington stated to Dr. Wieckowski if he would accept one of the vacant positions, he would accept the other. Dr. Wieckowski agreed to accept the Vice Chairman position and Mr. Washington agreed to accept Chairman. Mr. Esposito made a motion for Mr. Washington to be Chairman and Dr. Wieckowski to be Vice Chairman; seconded by Ms. Bartlett and unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Washington that Tim Esposito be Financial Secretary; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

Ms. Werkman suggested the closing of the Wall House starting June 27, 2014 through the rest of the summer except for any request for special tours. Mr. Hinson stated the information regarding the summer closing of the Wall House will be relayed to the Township Manager Mr. Havir. If Mr. Havir has any questions, he will inform the Historical Commission. Mr. Washington asked that a motion be made for the closing of the Wall House during July and August, except for special request of tours and reopen the Sunday after Labor Day. The Township residents will be informed by the web-site, channel 42 and signs on the Wall House door. Dr. Wieckowski will send out an e-mail to all the members informing them of the Wall House closing during July and August. Ms. Werkman made a motion for the closing of the above months for Wall House; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

Dr. Wieckowski said that he would make up flyers for the Wall House with information regarding tours. It can be added to the packet for new residents. Mrs. Washington suggested that information regarding the Historical Commission be added to the information. The flyers will need to be approved by Mr. Hinson and Mr. Havir before being distributed.

3. *Financial Report* – Mr. Hinson said there was nothing new for the monthly financial report. Ms. Werkman requested that everyone on the Historical Commission be allowed to have access to the financial report given each month to the financial Secretary. Mr. Hinson said that in the future everyone on the Commission will receive a copy of the monthly financial report.

4. *Committee Reports*

A. Education Committee – No Report

B. Preservation Committee Report – No Report

C. Museum Committee Report – Ms. Werkman announced that Ms. Spruill will not be back to work with the Historical Commission. Dr. Wieckowski suggested that Mrs. Spruill be honored at

a later date through a Historical Commission newsletter indicating her long time contributions.

Dr. Wieckowski will be working on the newsletter.

D. Special Events- No Report

5. **Chairman's Report** – Mr. Hinson stated that studies will continue for the Curtis Arboretum Conservation and Landscape Management Plan if the change order for the additional work is approved by the board of Commissioners at the June 18th meeting.

6. **Staff Report** –No Report

7. **Old Business** – Dr. Wieckowski said that he will work on newsletter this summer so that it can be available by the fall. Dr. Wieckowski reported that the Old York Road Garden Club performed a lot of gardening that was done around the Wall House. He stated a lot of work was accomplished in the herb garden and he thanked Mr. Hinson for handling the request of the bags being removed. Mr. Washington announced that the garden club was a good idea and a big help in cleaning up the Wall House.

8. **New Business** – Mrs. Washington announced that she is turning over her honorarium from her May 8, presentation with letter attached. (See attached) She is giving half of the money to the Richard Wall House and the other half of the money will go to the Old York Road Historical Society. Mr. Washington said that when representing the Historical Commission and receiving the honorarium it is his policy to donate the money. Dr. Wieckowski thanked Mrs. Washington for her donation.

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

10. **Announcements** – Dr. Wieckowski announced the death of Efrem Zimbalist Jr. who was the son of Efrem Zimbalist Sr. and Mrs. Mary Louise Curtis-Bach. He was related to the history of Wyncote. Mrs. Washington announced the death of Mr. Dan Roberts who became the owner of Milner Associates.

June 12, 2014 7:30 p.m.
Wall House

11. *Good and Welfare* – No Report

12. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, Mr. Washington made a motion to adjourn;
seconded by Ms. Bartlett.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann

12 June 2014

To CTHC Members

I am presenting this personal check for fifty dollars made out to the Friends of the Richard Wall House.

It represents half of the honorarium I received for doing a presentation for the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission on the 8th of May.

I do not keep any compensation or honorarium for myself. As an ambassador of the CTHC & OYRHS I believe in giving back to the community and the parent organization that I belong to. Hopefully this helps to further the mission of preserving our history for future generations.

Again thanks for giving me the opportunity of sharing our past to the current and future residents.

Sincerely
Mary Washington

T.C. Saturday 13 June 1914
Garden Fete For Charity
Given on Lawn of Mr. and Mrs
John Gribbel, Wyncote
One of the Handsomest and Most
Successful Ever Given in the Suburbs
Benefit Hahnemann Hospital

T.C. 13 June 1940
Big Celebration Marks Dual Event
In Cheltenham
250th Anniversary of Village and
40th of Township Occur This Year
Full Week Planned
Commissioners Approve Plan for Program
to Include Historical Pageant

T.C. 15 June 1950
Elkins Park National Bank to Hold
Open House Saturday; New Facilities
The Bank located just opposite Elkins
Park railroad station will be open to
visitors on Saturday from 10 am till 3 pm
President is Stanley E Craig

for the minutes - - -

The Old York Road
Garden Club has
taken a renewed
and active interest
in our herb garden.

I will continue
working with them
unless directed otherwise



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, June 12, 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)
Weskman			
B. Bartlett			
Jack Washington			
Timothy Esposito			
Lair Mersch			
Tom Wreckon			
Mary Washington			