

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

Members present were: Ray Burg Jr., Timothy Esposito, Lois Hirsch, James McCann III, 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 – Mr. Washington called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

2. Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Washington asked for a motion to accept the September 11, 2014 meeting minutes. Mr. McCann made a motion to accept the September 11 minutes; seconded by Dr. Wieckowski and unanimously approved.

3. Review of Financial Report – Mr. Esposito gave the financial report for the Shovel Shop, Wall House and the Historical Commission. He reported that the telephone bill was paid correctly this month for the Wall House. Mr. Hinson answered the questions regarding the July 2014 financial statement that were questioned by the Committee last month. Mr. Hinson explained some of the financial questions the Commission had from the last meeting. Mr. Washington thanked Mr. Hinson for resolving the questioned financial information. Mr. Washington stated that the Committee must raise funds. He added there should be a goal amount set that will help cover finances to make the Committee self sustaining.

4. Committee Reports

- A. Education Committee – No Report.
- B. Preservation Committee Report – No Report.
- C. Museum Committee Report – No Report.
- D. Special Events- No Report

5. Chairman's Report – Mr. Washington announced there was a donation given in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Spruill. Mr. Washington mentioned that he has been in touch with Mr. Huff a teacher from Cheltenham High School in regards to student volunteers helping with the Wall

House Tours on the 4th Sunday of each month. Mr. Washington also stated that a meeting with all interested students will be needed to show them the proper way to conduct the house tours. Mr. Washington inquired about the status of the "Wall House Newsletter". Dr. Wieckowski said that changes were made to the newsletter and after the final review by Township staff the newsletter will be ready for publication. Mr. Washington asked if the Historical Commission was interested in having a table at the Community Harvest Festival. Dr. Wieckowski suggested the Historical Commission could share a table with the Old York Road Historical Society. The Committee agreed to share a table if a member from the commission attends the Community Harvest Festival. Ms. Werkman suggested getting email addresses from people while at the Community Harvest Festival to start a mailing list. Interested individuals could then receive information regarding future programs of the Historical Commission and find out how they could help or give support. Mrs. Washington suggested handing out publications of the "Wall Paper" if it is ready for distribution. Ms. Werkman suggested putting out a jar to collect donations at the Community Harvest Festival for the Wall House. Mr. Washington shared the thank you letter received from the historic preservations representatives in regards to the support letter the commission submitted for the Jenkintown Train Station. Mr. Washington asked Mr. Esposito to work with the Preservation Committee. Mr. Esposito accepted. At a regional meeting of the garden clubs, the Old York Road Garden Club mentioned their involvement with the Wall House. Mr. Rowland of the Old York Road Historical Society thanked Mr. Havir for his donation of Township records regarding the Old York Road Historical Society dating from 1930's -1960's.

6. Staff Report –Mr. Hinson reported that the Curtis Arboretum Conservation and Landscape Steering Committee will meet on November 17, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. to continue working on the master plan for Curtis Arboretum.

7. Old Business – Mr. Washington talked about drafting an acquisition policy for the Commission. Dr. Wieckowski agreed to work on a policy and present it at the next meeting. Mr. Washington asked Ms. Werkman to draft a letter regarding the parking lot issue at Sycamore and Cheltenham Avenues in the La Mott section of the Township. There are major concerns regarding a business owner wanting to place an auto repair shop on an historic property within this area. Ms. Werkman said that she will continue to follow the process but it would help if the Commission would write a letter not supporting this proposal. Since Mr. Esposito has joined the Preservation Committee he will assist Dr. Wieckowski in looking into whether the building that is proposed for demolition in Laverock is in Springfield Township or Cheltenham Township and report back at the next meeting.

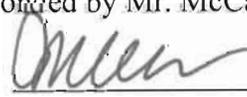
8. New Business – None

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

10. Announcements – There will be a 1777 Whitemarsh encampment re-enactment (battle) on November 1, & 2, 2014 at Hope Lodge. (See attachment) Mr. Washington mentioned that all donations submitted will need to be specific as to what account line cost they are being deposited into and if members are not sure where the donations are to be deposited to check with Mr. Hinson.

11. Good and Welfare – Mr. McCann apologized for missing a few Committee meetings. He announced he was hospitalized for a short time and is doing well now.

12. Adjournment - There being no further business, Mr. Washington asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Hirsch made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. McCann.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, October 9, 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)
<i>Wetman</i>			
Timothy Esposito			
Lore Hirsch			
Mary Washington			
Jack Washington			
<i>[Signature]</i>			
JAMES J. McGUIRE			

33rd Annual

1777 Whitemarsh Encampment Re-enactment



Historic Hope Lodge

553 South Bethlehem Pike
Fort Washington, PA 19034

Saturday & Sunday, November 1 & 2, 2014
10am to 4pm

Fun for the entire family

Military demonstrations & Skirmishes
A military field hospital
Hearth cooking demonstrations
Free on-site parking

Sutlers & Colonial Crafts
Tours of Hope Lodge mansion
Childrens' activities
Food available

Admission charge supports the work of the Friends of Hope Lodge

For more information visit: www.ushistory.org/hope

Oct 9-2014

Times Chronicle Saturday Oct 14, 1905

J. Krewson & Sons

Nursery men

Bell Phone Melrose 588 R

Cheltenham PA

No Trees sold on Sunday

Times Chronicle Saturday Oct 14, 1905

A cement pavement is being put down
in front of the building on Greenwood
avenue, occupied by the Jenkintown
Electric Company, and the Post Office

Times Chronicle Saturday Oct 31, 1905

Wanted - Carpenters at Fetterolf
house - Wyncote

Times Chronicle Saturday Oct 26, 1912

Ogontz School is

Sold For \$ 500,000

Former Estate of Jay Cooke

Bought By Miss A. A. Sutherland
New Owner is Proprietress and
Principal of Ogontz School for Girls
Which Occupies Ground