

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight. Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Louise Cohen, Herschel Elias, Tim Esposito, Lois Hirsch, James McCann, John Washington Sr., Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman and Dr. Wieckowski. Staff present was: Brian Hinson, Acting Director of Parks and Recreation. (see attached attendance list).

1. Call to Order – Mr. Hinson called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

2. Annual Reorganization and Elections of Officers –Mr. Hinson asked for the Nominating Committee to report on the candidates for nominated for Officers in 2015. Mrs. Washington reported on behalf of the Nominating Committee that Mr. Washington agreed to continue to serve as Chairman, Dr. Wieckowski as Vice Chairman and Mr. Esposito the Financial Officer. Mr. Hinson opened the floor for nominations for Chairman. Mrs. Cohen made the motion that Mr. Washington Sr. serve as Chairman, Dr. Wieckowski as Vice Chairman, and Mr. Esposito as Financial Officer. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Washington. Having no other nominations from the floor, nominations were closed. The members voted unanimously for Mr. Washington Sr., as Chairman, Dr. Wieckowski as Vice Chairman and Mr. Esposito as Financial Officer.

3. Acceptance of Minutes – Mr. Washington asked for a motion to accept the January 8, 2015 meeting minutes. Ms. Werkman asked for a correction which was that the Nominating Committee officers names be added to meeting minutes; being Mrs. Washington, Mr. Esposito and Mr. McCann. Mr. Washington Sr. made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Washington and unanimously approved.

4. Review of Financial Report – Mr. Esposito reviewed the financial reports. (see attached reports). The report for the Historical Commission has a beginning balance of 2,078, from its \$4,000 budget. The Historical Commission bill for last month was for the telephone which was

\$73. The report for the Wall House incoming expense report shows a beginning balance of \$926, the gift shop residual fund has a balance in the amount of \$50. There was a balance of \$480 showing for repairs. Mr. Hinson will check the information regarding the balance showing repairs for the Wall House.

5. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Cohen reminded everyone of the Black History Program scheduled for later this evening.

B. Preservation Committee Report –No report.

C. Museum Committee Report – No report.

D. Special Events- Dr. Wieckowski said there will be a Wyncote Historical Tour in the spring. He asked for suggestions on what date this tour should take place. Dr. Wieckowski is requesting a small bus for the Historical tour which will be about an hour around the Wyncote area. He also stated there could be a gathering at the end of the tour that would be sponsored by the Civic Association. The location to be determined. Mr. Washington Sr. suggested the tour take place the third weekend of May. Dr. Wieckowski decided to go tentatively with Saturday, May 16, or Sunday, May 17, 2015.

6. Chairman's Report – Mr. Washington Sr. thanked Mrs. Cohen who is chair of the Education Committee and all those who helped her set up for the Black History Month annual presentation. He thanked Dr. Wieckowski for codifying the various versions of the student docent handbook, and thanked Mrs. Washington for working with Dr. Wieckowski to correct past errors and verifying accuracy of the names, dates and events in the book. Dr. Wieckowski has digitized the results of this effort to make future changes easier to modify. It is currently under review by the by the President of Old York Road Historical Society. There were five students who attended the first session of their training on January 25th. The students assisted with a tour of 2 visitors

who called ahead to be sure the Inquirer listing was valid. Dr. Wieckowski and Mr. Washington Sr. will be on duty February 22, 2015 at the Wall House. Mr. Washington Sr. received a call about a Wall House tour for the Garden Club in March for new members and workers. Mr. Washington Sr. asked Mrs. Cohen to bring in a sign up sheet to the next meeting for volunteers to assist with the Wall House for tours.

7. Staff Report –Mr. Hinson requested that all receipts be turned in for the program tonight.

8. Old Business –Ms. Werkman said the Zoning Board has approved the demolition of the house located at 1509 Ashbourne Road. The Zoning Board has denied the request for the auto repair garage to have a business in (Camp William Penn) LaMott. Mrs. Washington asked if there is any chance that there were items left in the Ashbourne house that could be archived. Mr. Washington Sr. and Mr. Werkman said the house was stripped. There is nothing to archive.

9. New Business – Mr. Washington Sr. questioned if the Tricentennial account for the Historical Commission is an interest bearing account. Mr. Hinson stated that he will research with the Director of Fiscal Affairs and report back to the Commission.

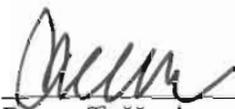
10. Moment in History – Mrs. Washington gave a report. (See attached).

11. Announcements – Dr. Wieckowski announced that he found a photograph of Camp William Penn with the Carriage House illustrated. It is a private residence now and is up for sale. Dr. Wieckowski arranged with a local realtor to take a tour of the building. He stated it is a great place full of history. A lecture by Dr. Wiekowski for the Old York Road Historical Society will take place on Wednesday, May 11, 2015 about the John Wanamaker Family. Mr. Washington Sr. announced that on February 28, 2015 at the Jenkintown Library between 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. there will be a Black History Program by Joe Beckton a former employee of the National Park Service. Ms. Werkman announced an article in Monday's paper regarding Camp William Penn

soldier by Jonathan White of New Port News, Virginia. Mr. White will be returning to live in Pennsylvania.

12. *Good and Welfare* – Mr. Washington Sr. stated he has been with the Commission for 45 years and hopes the Commission will continue to be a success.

13. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, Mr. Washington Sr. asked for a motion to adjourn. Dr. Wieckowski made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mrs. Washington.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda Vann

February

Feb 17, 1903 Ogontz

Resolved - That the Commissioners establish a police force for the Township of Cheltenham, & the President be & he is hereby authorized & instructed to employ in his discretion a suitable Chief of Police at the earliest possible time, & additional officers, not exceeding seven in number, & provide them necessary equipment as mounted police, & make reports of proper rules & regulations for the government of the police department to a subsequent meeting of the board

Feb 1 1910

President of Old York Road Fire Co. asks for action to be taken to keep fire plugs clear of snow & requests right to build fire at plugs to keep them from freezing.

Feb 7, 1905

8 plugs approved in Melrose

Feb 7, 1911

Addition to top bldg complete

Feb 6, 1912

Automobile committee recommends & board approves purchase of a Winston chassis at \$2750.

Feb 2, 1915

Ordinance passed to provide for organization of the Fire Department of Cheltenham Township. Consisted of

Cheltenham Hook & Ladder	La Motte F. C. No 7
Glenside Fire Company	Ogontz F. C.
Old York Rd. F. C.	Old Lane Terrace Assoc.

Feb 5, 1923

Chief of Police \$3,300

Feb 2, 1926

Also agreed to get rid of all team & cart equipment "keeping in mind that the horses which have been faithful servants to the Township be given a good home"



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, February 12, 2015

Curtis Hall

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)
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J. Weisman			
Mary Washington			
John Weiser			
LOIS HIRSCH			
Louise Cohen			
Timothy Esposito			
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