

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission was held tonight. Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Ray Burg, Louise Cohen, Tim Esposito, James McCann, Jack Washington, Mary Washington, and Dr. Wieckowski. Guest present was: Karen Uhlrich. Staff present was: Brian Hinson, 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 November 12, 2015 meeting minutes. Mrs. Cohen made a motion to accept the minutes for November 12, 2015; seconded by Mr. Burg and unanimously approved.

3. Review of Financial Report – Mr. Esposito reviewed the financial reports. (See attached reports). The Historical Commission report showed income for \$3.00 for the month of December for books that were sold and the phone bill was \$90.00.

4. Committee Reports

A. Education Committee – Mrs. Cohen reported that Ms. Lisa Marlow, a 6th grade teacher at Elkins Park Middle School, is interested in presenting a program on the Underground Railroad and Lucretia Mott at the Wall House for Black History Month in February. Mrs. Cohen offered Ms. Marlow the use of grant money from the Lyceum to cover the children's costumes. Mr. Washington said this would be a good opportunity to reach new people (parents).

B. Preservation Committee Report – No Report.

C. Museum Committee – Mrs. Cohen stated that the Wall House Museum looks wonderful with the displays of holiday decorations done by the Old York Road Garden Club.

D. Special Events – Mr. Hinson said there were two successful events that went very well this year for the Commission and asked that everyone start thinking of new ideas for special events for next year. Mr. Washington is requesting a minimum of at least four ideas for special events for next year. He said there could be two tours by Dr. Wieckowski, another Holiday Open House and at least two other new ideas.

5. Chairman's Report – Mr. Washington said the first Holiday Open House held on Sunday, December 6th had more than 60 people in attendance. He said there were many positive comments. He placed the donation box near the sign in book, which he felt was a good location. Mr. Washington stated he would not be available to work with the tour this Sunday, but asked that the appropriate signs, cones and decorated pots be placed at the entrance and outside. He mentioned again that the first and second floors only are available for the Holiday Tour.

Mr. Washington thanked Mr. Brown for a speedy repair on the door knob at the Wall House and was pleased at how he helped to maintain its original look while doing the repair.

Mr. Washington said with the help of Mrs. Washington and Dr. Wieckowski, a list of community street names were submitted through Mr. Hinson's office for the Ashbourne Road development. Mrs. Washington is asking for a copy of the names on the re-submitted lists from Mr. Hinson or Dr. Wieckowski. Mr. Washington asked Mr. Hinson on the status. Mr. Hinson said the list of street names was provided to Planning and Zoning Department and the Township Manager and sent to the developer. Mr. Hinson will obtain the last revision of the list for Mr. Washington.

Mr. Washington said he had a meeting with Mr. Hinson regarding who has keys and codes to the Wall House. Mr. Washington would like Mr. Esposito to have a pass code. Mr. Hinson said the list will be finalized through the alarm company. If anyone was removed from the list, they will be notified.

Mr. Washington said there are members up for re-appointments. He asked Mrs. Cohen, Mrs. Washington, Dr. Wieckowski, Mr. Burg and Mr. Esposito if they will continue working with the Committee. Ms. Werkman will be notified regarding her re-appointment. All other members up for re-appointment and not present will also be notified in writing. Dr. Wieckowski asked if a statement can be added to the letter that those who wish to continue on the Committee actively participate. Mr. Hinson said this wording can be added to the letter.

6. Staff Report – No Report.

7. Old Business – Mr. McCann mentioned that he took pictures of the Glenside Lumber Company from the outside before it was demolished in October. Dr. Wieckowski was able to get pictures of the inside before the demolition took place.

Mr. Esposito asked if Ms. Hirsch will be considered as an honorary member on the Committee since a motion was made few months ago by the Committee to do so. Mr. Washington said he will send a letter of request to the Township Manager regarding her honorary membership and thanked Mr. Esposito for bringing this matter to his attention again.

8. New Business – Mr. Washington presented the annual letter of solicitation for the Preservation Pennsylvania and wanted to know if the Committee was interested. Dr. Wieckowski did not feel the Commission was in the position to make a donation at this time. Mr. Washington agreed.

Dr. Wieckowski said St. Paul's Church presented a great two day program last weekend in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the passage of the 13th Amendment. He stated it was a huge success and a large, standing room only crowd. Dr. Wieckowski was one of the speakers for this event. He said it shows there is an interest in the Township for these historical programs. Mr. Washington agreed that it would be great to have more community programs and activities such as this one. Dr. Wieckowski mentioned that the Underground Railroad exhibit at St. Paul's Church is a permanent set up if the Commission or others would like to use it for future programs. Mr. Washington stated that there are also traveling exhibits available that can be used. Mr. Washington stated he would like to see more focus on families that were living in the Township, their productivity and industry that was developed to help the Township grow and its relationship to the Township history.

He mentioned the high school has been sending him students with challenging questions regarding the significance of the Wall House and its' connection of study, economic program and development in the Township's history. He said the students also wanted to know where the Underground Railroad was on the property at the Wall House. Mr. Washington said there has not been any concrete proof of anything at the Wall House. Mrs. Cohen said there was a letter. Mr. Washington said the letter from England had no validity. Mrs. Cohen suggested having one room to represent the Township history. Dr. Wieckowski suggested an exhibit of the Wanamaker estate for a new exhibit. Mr. Washington suggested that the Committee do a museum assessment to update the exhibits.

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

10. *Announcements* – None

11. *Good and Welfare* – None

12. *Adjournment* - There being no further business, Dr. Wieckowski made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.; seconded by Mr. Burg and unanimously approved.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda J. Vann

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (92-419)
INCOME/EXPENSE REPORT

ACCT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	CUMULATIVE TOTALS
	BUDGET BALANCE - \$4,000.00													4,000.00
ADD: RECEIPTS	BEGINNING BALANCE	2,078.91												2,078.91
92419R1107000	REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTED													0.00
92419R1200000	LOCAL AID								500.00					500.00
92419R1203000	STATE GRANT													0.00
92419R1208999	TRANSFERS													0.00
92419R1209000	FEDERAL/COUNTY GRANT													0.00
92419R1302000	SPECIAL EVENTS				165.00	445.00	(180.30)							0.00
92419R1304000	SALE OF BOOKS		6.00	12.00			3.00	3.00	3.00	6.00	9.00	3.00		429.70
TOTAL RECEIPTS:		2,078.91	6.00	12.00	165.00	445.00	(180.30)	3.00	503.00	6.00	9.00	3.00	0.00	3,050.61
LESS: EXPENSES														
9241992-30000	OFFICE SUPPLIES													0.00
9241992-30999	SPECIAL EVENTS													0.00
9241992-32000	OFFICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE													0.00
9241992-34001	TELEPHONE - (ADMIN & FAX)	73.66	83.31	83.29	83.41	83.50	166.73	81.48	88.77	89.14	88.96			922.25
9241992-38000	POSTAGE													0.00
9241992-41000	REPAIRS CONTRACTED													0.00
9241992-72000	PROFESSIONAL SERVICES		250.00		425.00									705.00
9241992-74000	CONTRACTED SERVICES													0.00
9241992-74100	WALL PAPER													0.00
9241992-92000	ASSOCIATION DUES													0.00
9241992-94000	ADVERTISING & PRINTING													0.00
9241992-96000	MISCELLANEOUS						50.00							50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES:		73.66	333.31	83.29	508.41	83.50	216.73	81.48	88.77	89.14	88.96	0.00	0.00	1,677.25
TOTAL AT MONTH END:		3,111.40	1,373.36											
TriCentennial Fund Balance:														

Public Spirit Saturday Dec 17, 1892

Ogontz

A fire Company is about to Organized here.
Subscriptions are being taken to that end

Public Spirit Dec 14, 1895

New Ogontz Power Station Ready

The power station which the Peoples
Traction Company has built at Ogontz
for the Old York road and other suburban
lines is about complete. It contains
three engines and generators, all of
which are ready for use

Times Chronicle December 1917

The new concrete bridge over Ashbourne
road near New Second Street was opened
for traffic on Thursday. This is the
second bridge built by the Commissioners
under the supervision of Road Engineer
Longsdorf this year, which is a credit
to the township

Submitted by
Mary Washington



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, December 10, 2015

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)
Ben Wadell			
JAMES J. McLANN III			
Jack W...			
Timothy Esposito			
Raren Ulrich			
Louise Cohen			
Mary Washington			
B. B...			