

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township **HISTORICAL COMMISSION** for February 2020 was held tonight. Members present were: Steve Conrad, Timothy Esposito, Donald C. Jones, James McCann, Geoffrey Shulik, Karen Shulik, Jack Washington, Sr., John Washington, Jr., Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, and Tom Wieckowski, and Stephen Workman. Guests present were: Reginald Pitts and Marge Sears. Staff present was: Brian Hinson, Director of Parks and Recreation (see attached attendance list).

1. ***Call to Order*** – Mr. Hinson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.
2. ***Reorganization and Election of Officers.***
 - A. Chair – A motion was made by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Workman, and unanimously approved by the Commission, to appoint Mr. Washington, Sr. Chair of the Commission.
 - B. Vice Chair – A motion was made by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. Jones, and unanimously approved by the Commission to appoint Dr. Wieckowski Vice Chair of the Commission.
 - C. Financial Officer – A motion was made by Mr. Wieckowski, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and unanimously approved by the Commission to appoint Mr. Esposito Financial Officer of the Commission.
2. ***Acceptance of Minutes*** – Mr. Jones made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shulik and unanimously approved, to accept the minutes of the Historical Commission for January 9, 2020.
3. ***Review of Financial Report*** – Mr. Esposito reviewed the financial reports showing income and expenses for both the Historical Commission and the Wall House for the month of January 2020 (see attached).
4. ***Committee Reports.***
 - A. Education Committee – Mr. Washington, Sr. said he received a phone call from a teacher at Wyncote inquiring about a future tour at the Wall House. Mr. McCann said a teacher from Ancillae Academy would like to do a history project at the Wall House. He said they are requesting a few dates in March. He will share more at a later date.
 - B. Preservation Committee Report – See staff report.
 - C. Museum Committee – Mr. Esposito said volunteers are needed to serve as docents at the Wall House this month. Mr. Conrad volunteered to assist.

Mr. Washington, Sr. asked Mr. McCann about the status of the cabinet and stereo cards. Mr. McCann said he is making good progress and should be ready for display at the Wall House soon. He said he is still cleaning, painting and fixing the cabinet pieces. Mr. McCann also shared that he has the plaque from the Ashmead Bridge, which will be placed at the Wall House.

Ms. Marge Sears of the Old York Road (OYR) Garden Club presented the Historical Commission with \$100 from the Garden Club. She shared how the OYR Garden Club loves the Wall House, loves decorating at the Wall House and enjoys working with the Historical Commission members. She also said that the OYR Garden Club has received great recognition for their work at the Wall House and the Jenkintown train station.

- D. Special Events – Ms. Werkman shared information on the upcoming Black History month programs. Citizens for the Restoration of Historical La Mott (CROHL) are sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Wieckowski about “The Ridley / Fox Shooting” and several other guest presentations at La Mott Community Center on February 23, 2020.

5. *Chairman’s Report.*

- A. The spring Wall Paper is now available. Mr. Wieckowski did an outstanding job. The Township Public Information Officer was thanked for her assistance in getting the spring Wall Paper ready.
- B. Tonight’s program received good press in the Times Chronicle and other area editions. He thanked the Township Public Information Officer for assistance in publicizing the event. Information was put out well in advance and may reflect on tonight’s turnout at Curtis Hall.
- C. Mr. Washington, Sr. recognized Mr. Workman and Mr. Wieckowski for handling the details for tonight’s presentation.

- 6. *Staff Report*** – Mr. Hinson said three demolition permits were recently emailed to the Historical Commission for review. All three demolition permits will be tabled this evening and added to the March 2020 agenda for discussion.

7. *Old Business.*

- A. The Commission discussed plans to celebrate the Historical Commission’s 50th Anniversary. Mr. Wieckowski suggested that a committee be appointed to handle the 50th anniversary project. He said the first step of the committee would be to review the inventory at the Wall House. Mr. Conrad, Mr. Jones, Ms. Shulik, Mr. Wieckowski, and Mrs. Washington volunteered to serve on the committee.

Action: Mr. Wieckowski made a motion to endorse that the 50th anniversary and celebration be held in May 2020 at the Richard Wall House showcasing the best and most interesting museum items; seconded by Mr. Workman and unanimously approved.

- B. Mr. Esposito spoke about the missing watercolors. He said a letter was submitted to the Township Manager to handle the matter. The Police Chief said they are not able to investigate this issue because too much time has occurred since the watercolors went missing. Mr. Washington, Sr. noted the Commission has done all they can to try and resolve the issue.

8. *New Business.*

- A. Mr. Wieckowski said the Township Manager asked him to revise the Rothschild book regarding the history of Cheltenham. Corrections are to be made for typos, errors and mistakes and it can be reprinted/republished. Mr. Wieckowski has been working with Mrs. Washington to fix the typos and errors. They have already gone through the first revision of the book. Mr. Wieckowski invited the Commission to submit any revisions such as topics, interests, people or places that need to be added to the book. Ms. Werkman suggested the book be a 10th anniversary edition to be premiered at the 50th anniversary celebration.

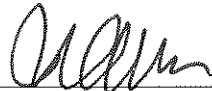
- 9. *Moment in History*** – Mrs. Washington provided a report (see attached).

10. *Announcements.*

A. Ms. Werkman said she met with an attorney, developer and an investor about the property at 1414 Willow Avenue. They are interested in building a self storage facility right across from Latham Park. She suggested they contact the Latham Park Association and the La Mott BHAR before coming to the Commission.

11. *Good and Welfare* – None.

12. *Adjournment* – There being no further business, Mr. Conrad made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Jones and unanimously approved.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda J. Vann



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, February 13, 2020

Curtis Hall

1250 W. Church Road, Wyncote, PA 19095

(Please Print Clearly)

Print Name	Mailing Address (only if different)	Telephone Number (only if different)	E-mail Address (only if different)
STEPHEN WORKMAN	Tom Wischniowski		
JACK WASHINGTON			
DONALD C. JONES			
Steve Conrad			
Timothy Esposito			
Karen Shulik			
Geoffrey Shulik			
Olivia Shulik			
Reg Pitts			
Workman			
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