

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township **HISTORICAL COMMISSION** for February 2019 was held tonight. Members present were: Barbara Bartlett, Steve Conrad, Herschel Elias, Timothy Esposito, James McCann, Geoffrey Shulik, Karen Shulik, Jack Washington, Sr., Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, and Dr. Wieckowski, Steve Workman and Guest Donald C. Jones. 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 6:40 p.m.

2. ***Reorganization and Election of Officers.***

- A. Chair – A motion was made by Mr. Conrad, seconded by Mr. McCann, and unanimously approved by the Commission, to appoint Mr. Washington, Sr. Chair of the Commission.
- B. Vice Chair – A motion was made by Mrs. Washington, seconded by Mr. Workman, and unanimously approved by the Commission to appoint Dr. Wieckowski Vice Chair of the Commission.
- C. Financial Officer – A motion was made by Mrs. Washington, seconded by Mr. Conrad, and unanimously approved by the Commission to appoint Mr. Esposito Financial Officer of the Commission.

2. ***Acceptance of Minutes*** – Mr. Conrad made a motion, seconded by Ms. Shulik and unanimously approved, to accept the minutes of the Historical Commission for January 10, 2019.

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 2019 (see attached). Mr. Esposito said the Historical Commission monthly expenses included \$200 for the Black History Program speaker and it received \$9 in book sales. He said the Friends of the Wall House received \$120 in income for the Wall House account.

4. ***Committee Reports.***

- A. **Education Committee** – Ms. Shulik announced tonight's Black History Program, featuring Dr. Andy Waskie. Ms. Shulik also announced that the speaker for this year's May Preservation Month program will be Dr. Hicks who spoke for the Historical Commission last year.
- B. **Preservation Committee Report** – Mr. Washington, Sr. reported on a demolition permit for 2827 W. Cheltenham Avenue, Wyncote, PA.

***Action:*** Mr. Conrad made a motion to approve the demolition permit for the property at 2827 W. Cheltenham Avenue, Wyncote, PA, seconded by Mr. Mr. McCann and unanimously approved.

- C. **Museum Committee** – Mr. Esposito is trying to get information from the old computer from the Wall House and suggested that if Commission plans to do cataloging and promoting the Wall House collection in the future, a new laptop computer should be considered. Ms. Werkman said a grant was received to purchase the Wall House computer for the cataloging project approximately 15 years ago. She added that a digital camera (and disks) came with the computer. Mr. Esposito said a camera was not found. Mr. Esposito will bring the computer to the administration building for Mr. Hinson to have the IT person look at it.

Dr. Wieckowski put a poster with a chronology of the Bosler family timeline in the Wall House; it can be expanded.

- D. Special Events – Ms. Werkman said the Citizens for the Restoration of Historical La Mott (CROHL) Ric Murphy will be presenting “1619: The Story of America’s First Documented Africans” on Sunday, February 24, 2019.

**5. *Chairman’s Report.***

- A. The following correspondence was received and is available for Commission review at the Wall House Library:

- *Pennsylvania at Risk* magazine, which focuses on properties or buildings in Pennsylvania that are up for demolition or properties.
- Correspondence from Schwenkfelder Library and Heritage Center.
- *Museums in the Digital Age*, which is primarily about art galleries and sponsored by American Alliance of Museums.
- *Pennsylvania Heritage* magazine, which is up for membership renewal.

**Action:** Dr. Wieckowski made a motion to renew the *Pennsylvania Heritage* membership for \$35; seconded by Ms. Shulik and unanimously approved.

- B. Tour season for the Wall House is doing well. Four women who were Cheltenham residents took a two-hour daytime tour while their children were in school.
- C. An exit sign by the door of the Wall House is missing. Mr. Washington requested that the maintenance department replace it and check to make sure that working light bulbs are in all the exit signs in both buildings.

**6. *Staff Report* – No Report.**

**7. *Old Business.***

- A. Mr. Conrad asked about the status of the alarm system at the Wall House. Mr. Hinson said he will contact the maintenance department again regarding the alarm issue.
- B. Dr. Wieckowski announced that the spring newsletter is now available. He also shared that the Commission has obtained a work study student from Arcadia University who is helping with the cataloging project for the Wall House. They have cataloged the entire photograph collection (over 2,000 photographs). The student will need four hours a week. Dr. Wieckowski said he is not available to assist the student with all four hours and asked if Commission members would volunteer to help. Ms. Werkman volunteered to assist with some of the hours.

**Action:** Ms. Werkman made a motion that the intern from Arcadia University continue to work on the cataloging project for the Wall House; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

- C. Dr. Wieckowski said loaning some of the historical documents from the Wall House to the Old York Road Historical Society will not be possible. Therefore, Dr. Wieckowski said he is asking the Commission for a new resolution to give the collection to the Old York Road Historical

Society on a permanent basis. Ms. Werkman said the Commission should not commit to giving the collection to anyone until it is completely cataloged and reviewed.

- D. Mr. Washington, Sr. said at the last meeting, the Commission agreed to have a coordinator for Sunday tours. Mr. Conrad will be the coordinator of tours which start the fourth Sunday in March. Mr. Conrad passed around a sign up sheet for the Commission members to volunteer to do tours; there will be no tours on Memorial Day weekend. Mr. Conrad also suggested that the sign board message be changed to reflect tour dates/times, rather than "by appointment only." He also asked for this change to be reflected on the Township website and the Historic Commission webpage.
- E. Ms. Werkman asked Mr. Hinson if he had any information regarding the missing fence near Salus University. Mr. Hinson said he reached out to the Planning and Zoning Director and will report back when he has an answer.

**8. New Business.**

- A. Mr. Washington, Sr. said the Commission's *Preserve Pennsylvania* subscription is up for renewal at a cost of \$50. The Township Manager endorses this magazine. Mr. Washington, Sr. suggested that the Commission decide on this magazine at the March meeting.

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

**10. Announcements.**

- A. Mr. McCann announced that candles are in the Shovel Shop windows. He also said he spoke to a representative of the company working on Ashmead Bridge Replacement Project who has promised to save the plaque for the Historical Commission.
- B. Mr. Esposito said the Historical Commission and the Old York Road Historical Society will have a table at the Friends of Northeast Philadelphia History and Greater Northeast Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce History Fair on March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- C. Mr. Esposito received a message from a Native American who has 10-12 presentations for children and adults on Native American topics. Mr. Esposito asked the Commission consider him for future programs.

**11. Good and Welfare** – None.

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



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Bryan T. Havar  
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda J. Vann





Moments In History 21 Feb 2019

Times Chronicle Saturday February 20, 1915

Bird Club Will Have Meeting

Friday Evening, February 26

Cheltenham Hills Hall the Meeting Place

S. F. Aaron, Author of "Out-of-Doors" Articles,  
to Speak

The meeting will be held Friday evening, the 26th,  
at Cheltenham Hills Hall on Mather Lane.

### Genealogy

Public Spirit Saturday February 1, 1919

Lynford Rowland died at his residence in Cheltenham last Monday from the infirmities of old age. Born in 1832 at an early age became a member of the firm of T. Rowland's Sons, shovel makers at Cheltenham, a business founded by his grand father in 1797. Survived by his son, Lynford Rowland, Jr. of the Cheltenham plant + one daughter. Interment at old Oxford church. (Trinity Church, Oxford - co-founded by Tobias Leech)

Public Spirit Saturday, February 1, 1919

Cheltenham Township News

Fire in Saw Mill

On Friday last fire was discovered at the



# Celebrate Preservation Month

With the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission



**May 9, 2019**

**7:30 pm**

**Glenside Memorial Hall, 185 S. Keswick Ave., Glenside, PA**

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## *Spit Spreads Death:* The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-19 in Philadelphia

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What happens when disease strikes a city of two million people, sickening half a million and killing more than 12,000 in just six weeks and 16,000 in two months?

During fall, 1918, in the last months of World War I, Philadelphia hosted the largest parade in its history. Within days, influenza casualties overwhelmed hospitals. In this illustrated presentation, Dr. Robert D. Hicks will discuss the pandemic as a social catastrophe and consider its memorialization today. He will also share highlights of the Mütter Museum's most ambitious exhibition to date covering this topic, opening during fall, 2019.

Dr. Robert D. Hicks, PhD is the director of the Mütter Museum and Historical Medical Library, William Maul Measey Chair for the History of Medicine, of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia. He has worked with museum-based education and exhibits for over three decades, primarily as a consultant to historic sites and museums.

**Admission is free. All are invited.**

Refreshments will be served. Glenside Hall is handicap accessible. The public is also invited to attend the regular monthly meeting of the Cheltenham Township Historical Commission, which begins at 6:30pm. Further information is available at [www.cheltenhamtownship.org](http://www.cheltenhamtownship.org) or call

Karen Shulik at 816-590-6457.

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MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, February 21, 2019

Glenside Hall

185 S. Keswick Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038

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