

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township **HISTORICAL COMMISSION** for March 14, 2019 was held tonight. Members present: Herbert Bailey, Barbara Bartlett, Steve Conrad, Timothy Esposito, James McCann, Geoffrey Shulik, Karen Shulik, Jack Washington, Sr., Mary Washington, and Steve Workman. Guest present: Donald C. Jones. Staff present: Brian Hinson, Director of Parks and Recreation (attendance list attached).

1. *Call to Order* – Mr. Washington, Sr. called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Washington, Sr. welcomed newly appointed member, Herbert Bailey, to the Historical Commission.

2. *Acceptance of Minutes* – Mr. Esposito made a motion, seconded by Mr. Workman and unanimously approved, to accept the February 21, 2019 meeting minutes of the Historical Commission.

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 February 2019 (see attached). Mr. Esposito said the Commission sold \$26 in books at the last meeting.

4. *Committee Reports*

- A. Education Committee – Ms. Shulik announced that Dr. Robert D. Hicks, PhD, Director of the Mutter Museum and Historical Medical Library, will be the speaker for the May 2019 Preservation Program. He has worked with museum-based education and exhibits for over three decades, primarily as a consultant to historic sites and museums. His lecture is “Spit Spreads Death: The Influenza Pandemic of 1918-19 in Philadelphia.” Mr. Hinson asked about the distribution of flyers for the May program. Mr. Hinson said flyers have already been placed at the Township Community Centers, Glenside and Curtis Halls, the Township building, libraries, and notices will be posted on the Township website and Facebook page. Mrs. Washington said she will take flyers to Old York Road Historical Society during the April 2019 meeting.
- B. Preservation Committee – No report.
- C. Museum Committee – Mr. Washington, Sr. reported that Mr. Esposito was able to get the Wall House computer working. Mr. Esposito said it is a fairly old computer and the Commission should consider replacing it as soon as possible with a laptop computer. Mr. Esposito suggested applying for another grant to get a new computer, if available. Mr. Hinson said he is waiting for information from the Township Manager regarding the previous grant awarded for the old computer.
- D. Special Events – Mr. Hinson asked the Commission if it would like to do another Civil War Day and suggested they consider planning for it now. Dr. Wieckowski said the first Civil War Day was successful and said it would be good to start planning with additional activities. Mr. Jones said the Civil War Day is what brought him out to the Historical Commission meetings. Mrs. Washington suggested letting the School District know when the next Civil War Day takes place to help promote it.

Action: Dr. Wieckowski made a motion to have another Civil War Day in the fall with Ms. Werkman leading the event and with additional activities being added; seconded by Mrs. Washington and unanimously approved.

E. Communications – No report.

5. Chairman's Report

- A. The final items for the Wall House from Questor grant have been ordered as the Questors have a deadline to rectify the grant that the Commission received.
- B. A new exit light has been installed at the Wall House. A notebook is now available at the Wall House for the Commission to request repairs and janitorial services from the maintenance department. The notebook will be reviewed once a week. The Commission should include a date for when the requested work is needed.
- C. Attendance at Historical Commission meetings has improved.

6. Staff Report

- A. Mr. Hinson reported on progress at Curtis Arboretum and announced that an invitation only ribbon cutting ceremony will be held on May 7, 2019 to reopen the Hall. In addition, the Friends of Curtis Arboretum will be hosting a number of events, including a public Open House May 13, featuring a lecture by Mr. Wieckowski on the history of Curtis.
- B. Mr. McCann asked Mr. Hinson about some damage at the Shovel Shop. Some stucco has fallen off the buildings elevation near the roof line. Mr. Hinson was not aware and said he would talk to the Maintenance Department about it.

7. Old Business

- A. Mr. McCann thanked the Commission for approval of the demolition permit for 2827 Cheltenham Avenue near Limekiln Pike. It is being used for fire training purposes until its demolition.
- B. Dr. Wieckowski asked if the Greenwood Avenue Bridge (off 309 left of Church Road) is going to be rebuilt after being demolished and suggested that the Commission take pictures of the bridge before it is demolished. Dr. Wieckowski inquired about what happens to bridge marker stones that are demolished. Mr. McCann said that a car destroyed the Greenwood Avenue Bridge marker.
- C. Mr. Esposito asked if the Commission was able to get the plaque stone from the Ashmead Bridge. Mr. Washington, Sr. said Mrs. Washington has pictures of it.
- D. Mr. Esposito mentioned the Northeast Philadelphia History Fair at Cannstatter Volkfest Verein, 9130 Academy Road, Philadelphia, PA between 10:00 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 30, 2019. He will have a table there representing the Historical Commission and Dr. Wieckowski will have a table representing the Old York Road Historical Society.

8. New Business – None.

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

10. Announcements – Mr. McCann announced that there will be a memorial plaque dedication at the Cheltenham Fire Company on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. to pay honor to fallen firefighter Frank Evans who was killed in the line of duty 83 years ago.

11. Good and Welfare – None.

12. *Adjournment* – There being no further business, Mr. Workman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Mr. Shulik, and unanimously approved.



Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager

Submitted by: Linda J. Vann



MEETING ATTENDANCE LIST

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

Thursday, March 14, 2019

Carriage House

One Wall Park Drive, Elkins Park, PA 19027

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