

The regular meeting of the Cheltenham Township **Historical Commission** for May 9, 2019 was held tonight. Members present: Herbert Bailey, Barbara Bartlett, Steve Conrad, Timothy Esposito, David C. Jones, James McCann, Geoffrey Shulik, Karen Shulik, Jack Washington, Sr., Mary Washington, Joyce Werkman, Tom Wieckowski and Steve Workman and guests: Kim Cavistan, Leslie J. Newsum, Pat McLearnon and Bonnie Rose. 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 6:36 p.m.
2. **Acceptance of Minutes** – Mr. Washington, Sr. asked for a motion to accept the April 11, 2019 meeting minutes. Corrections were needed. Under education: Mr. Conrad stated he and Ms. Werkman were on duty at the Wall House when Mr. Murphy, who is a direct descendent of Richard Wall and the Shoemakers, came for a tour and not Mr. Washington, Sr. Ms. Shulik made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected; seconded by Mr. Conrad and unanimously approved.
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 April 2019 (see attached). Mr. Washington, Sr. said association dues should be going into the Commission account and not the Wall House account. Mr. Hinson will request that correction to be made through the accounting department.

Mr. Washington, Sr. welcomed guests Kim Cavistan of 213 Harrison Avenue, Ms. Leslie J. Newsum of 28 W. Waverly Road, Ms. Pat McLearnon of 163 Harrison Avenue and Ms. Bonnie Rose of 172 Harrison Avenue who are all of Glenside, PA. The guests came out to the meeting to voice their concerns about the property at 20 W. Waverly Road, Glenside, PA (circa 1873) which will be demolished. Ms. McLearnon, who lives directly across the street from 20 W. Waverly Road, is concerned the property will become part of a proposed super Wawa on Easton Road and asked if there is anyway this property can be preserved. Ms. Newsun said the residents from 22 W. Waverly to 28 W. Waverly (where she lives) have concerns about what will happen to her and her neighbors properties if 20 W. Waverly is demolished and the zoning is changed to commercial. Mr. Washington, Sr. explained the demolition process to them and told them that the Commission has not received a demolition permit application. When that happens, the Commission will investigate and make a recommendation regarding the property's historical significance and document it for posterity. Mrs. Washington asked them if they have checked the Township's Cultural Resource Service Survey; there are copies available at the Old York Road Historical Society and the local library. Ms. Rose said they are trying to reach out to everyone and anyone to make their concerns known. Mr. Conrad said he will be a liaison regarding this issue. Mr. Hinson said that the Commission cannot do much until it receives a demolition permit application; however, they can submit a letter supporting the neighbors efforts regarding the property.

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 speak at tonight's meeting for the Preservation Month program. Mr. Hinson suggested that preparations for special events be established at least one month in advance for speakers, along with AV equipment and supplies that may be needed for the programs.

Mr. Conrad thanked Mr. and Mrs. Shulik for volunteering to do the 4th Sunday tour of the Wall House Open House in June. He said he still needs volunteers for July, August and September.

- B. Preservation Committee – Preservation of the house at 20 W. Waverly Road in Glenside was discussed.
- C. Museum Committee – Dr. Wieckowski said some Shoemaker descendents from Roxborough and New Hampshire took a tour of the Wall House last Sunday. The 90 year old mother recognized a portrait of her Uncle George Shoemaker on one of the walls at the Carriage House. Dr. Wieckowski said he had an issue with the video that is used during tours at the Wall House. Mr. Conrad said a new disk is needed.

The Commission held a discussion on general security matters and ways to improve them based on a recent incident.

Mr. Washington, Sr. said Mr. Conrad passed out a guideline for docents and asked members to look it over to see if the order should be changed before finalizing it. (see attached).

- D. Special Events – Mr. Hinson shared that Curtis Hall is now re-opened and suggested everyone see the renovations. He also asked the Commission if they would like to go back to Curtis for the special event programs or would they like to continue having the programs at Glenside Hall. The Commission prefers to have future programs return to Curtis Hall.

5. Chairman's Report

- A. Mr. Washington, Sr. said he would like to be informed of activities and actions relative to the Commission ahead of time, if possible. He needs to know what is going on with all aspects of the Commission.
- B. Mr. McCann replaced the flag at the Wall House.
- C. Mr. Washington, Sr. said he spoke with Dr. Wieckowski about adding the street address with the GPS information for the Wall House for people who are trying to find the location of the Wall House to the Wall House Newsletter.
- D. The balance of the Quester invoice and all the items were received.
- E. Mr. Washington, Sr. said it was good to see some of the Commission members at the ribbon cutting program for Curtis Hall last Tuesday evening.
- F. The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) will be implementing more stringent regulations for nominating a historical property to the National Register of Historic places.
- G. 2019 is the 50th anniversary of the Historical Commission.
- H. Myers Elementary School students will have their annual visit to the Wall House on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. There will be four classes and about 18-22 students taking half hour tours between 10:30 and noon. The rain date will be Friday, May 31, 2019. Mr. Washington, Sr. asked the Commission members to help with the visit. Mrs. Washington shared that the children viewed the video in the Carriage House. She also invited the principal to visit with the students since he has never been to the Wall House.

6. Staff Report

- A. Mr. Hinson said the Township is searching for the exact date that the Commission was established. Mrs. Washington said it is in the 1968 annual report with a picture of the original Commission members. Mr. Washington, Sr. said the first Commission meeting was May of 1969. The Commission will discuss ideas for a 50th anniversary celebration at a future meeting.

7. Old Business

- A. Dr. Wieckowski shared a letter from Ms. Harriet Richards, a Wall descendent. She sent a membership form for Friends of the Wall House with a \$100 check and appreciation for the tour of the Wall House she received. Mr. Washington, Sr. said he would like to know when donations come in because he keeps a record of them.

8. New Business

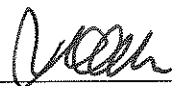
- A. Dr. Wieckowski expressed concerns about docents following or knowing how things worked. The handbook has highlights and Mr. Conrad will work on improving the tours.

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

10. Announcements – None.

11. Good and Welfare – None.

12. Adjournment – There being no further business, Mr. Shulik made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Mr. Conrad, 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, May 9, 2019

Glenside Hall

185 S. Keswick Avenue, Glenside, PA 19038

(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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Karen Shulik			
Mary Washington			
DONALD C. JONES			dcjones7706@GMAIL.com
Herb Bailey			

TOM WICKAWSKY

Moment In History 9 May 2019

Times Chronicle Saturday May 10, 1902

In the Church of Our Saviour, at Jenkintown, Wednesday afternoon, Miss Geraldine D. Harrison was married to John Childs Anderson. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Welsh Harrison of Gray Towers, Glenside. The groom is the leader in the younger set of society and is a relative of Mr. George W. Childs Drexel.

Times Chronicle Saturday May 18, 1912

Wyncote

Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus Curtis, who have spent several weeks cruising on their yacht, Lyncloria, from Charleston, S. C. to Philadelphia, stopping on the way at various resorts, arrived in town on Saturday. Guests on the homeward trip were Mrs. John Scribber and Miss Adelia Scribber and Mrs. Martin.

Times Chronicle Saturday May 25, 1912

Team of horses belonging to the Forrest Laundry ran away on Coontz Hill May 21, owing to the brakes refusing to hold. They ran

Proposed prep and post list for docents /members

1. ARRIVE 30/15 minutes before opening hour
2. UNLOCK and take off the alarm systems in both the carriage house and the main building turn on the lights for both (RWH ground floor lights)
3. UNLOCK the Wall House Drive entrance to the RWH
4. TAKE the cover off the contribution box (place in catering kitchen)
5. SET the panic bar in the carriage house to open. (Allen wrench is in the light panel)
6. PLACE "Open Flag" at the driveway . . . and . . .
7. PLACE the orange traffic cones in driveway to prevent entering from Church Road. (Hazardous right turn into drive-blind curve on Church rd.)
8. "OPEN" sign is placed on walkway from the parking lot
9. PREP the disc and TV for viewing.
10. PLACE signs for the Spring House and Smoke House
11. WEAR your ID as guide/ member
12. LOCATE sign in book and RWH brochure
13. AFTER closing time: return signs, flags and other impedimenta to the assigned storage area
14. IN THE CARRIAGE HOUSE: Turn off the TV, disc player, all lights. Reset the panic bar; RETURN the Allen wrench to the light panel. Set the alarm system
15. IN THE RWH: turn off all lights, lock and secure the front door (Creek side of RWH), cover the contribution box, set the alarm and exit.
16. DO a final check to make sure that all doors are secure and lights are out.
17. PAT yourself on the back and leave, knowing that you have done a good thing!

ISSUES:

1. Where do we store the flags , cones and other assorted "stuff"

(Springhouse? RWH? Carriage house? Other ideas?)
2. To Feather or not to Feather?
3. Replacement of Hopkinson flag, which looks pretty ratty at this point
(McCann and Conrad will order and pay, but reimbursement by RWH slush fund?)