

The regular meeting of the Twinning Committee was held tonight, Vice Chairman William Chambres presiding. Members present were Penny Geikler, Dorothy Spruill and Mary Washington. Staff present was Nancy K. Gibson, Public Information Officer.

1. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler and approved by committee, the minutes of the May 4, 2011, meeting were accepted.

2. Under **Lottery Report**, in Mr. McCann's absence, Ms. Gibson reported eight winners in May for a total payout of \$225.

3. Under **Project Reports**, the following items were discussed:

A. **Fingerpost Dedication** – Members thought the fingerpost was very attractive and the May 14 dedication ceremony went well. Upon motion of Ms. Washington, and approved by committee, the committee expressed their deep appreciation to Mr. McCann and to his entire family for their contributions towards the effort. Mr. McCann requested that thanks be sent to ShopRite for their donations. Mr. Chambres will provide appropriate names and addresses.

Regarding the installation of a sign to provide some explanation of the fingerpost, Ms. Gibson proposed the following text:

The Twinning Fingerpost points to Cheltenham, UK – the Township's official twin city – and to five "cousin" Cheltenhams with links to Cheltenham, UK. The Township Twinning Committee, which raised all funds for the fingerpost, hopes it will promote exchanges between the twinned communities to foster their long-standing friendship.

Dedicated May 14, 2011.

Members approved this wording. There are numerous types of signs and materials, and Ms. Gibson distributed a few that she found online with some pricing information. The committee preferred stainless steel, since it would weather best, a size of approximately 8.5" x 11", on a post where the top of the sign would not exceed 3 ft high from the flowerbed. The post will have to be secured to

avoid theft. Ms. Washington will contact Hibberts and Rodon Signs for their recommendations and pricing.

Ms. Gibson added that a photo of the fingerpost will be featured on the back cover of the upcoming Township calendar and an article will be included in the fall Update newsletter.

B. Archives – Ms. Gibson suggested the Fingerpost Dedication program, proclamation and letter from Cheltenham UK be included in the archives. Mr. Spruill took the Cheltenham UK letter to store at the Wall House. Ms. Washington suggested including some photos of the event. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler, and approved by committee, Ms. Washington was authorized to have prints made of up to 10 pictures with costs not to exceed \$15.

C. Boy Scout Link – No report

D. Rotary Link – No report

E. School Student Link – Ms. Gibson suggested that members consider if this issue should be promoted at local schools for the next school year. If so, a member needs to be willing to take on the effort. Ms. Washington suggested dropping the item unless someone expresses an interest.

F. Gym Exchange – No report. Ms. Washington will follow up over the summer.

4. Under **Old Business**, Ms. Gibson reported that Ms. Wight was unfamiliar with “Cheltenham thyme” plants and needed to research Ms. Spruill’s request.

5. Under **New Business**, the following items were discussed:

A. Ms. Spruill reported she will be receiving Cheltenham thyme seeds from a Cheltenham UK resident who is an Ashmead descendent who has been corresponding with her for genealogical research. She will expand this contact, including investigating a Cheltenham UK cheese.

B. Regarding potential exchanges, Ms. Geikler will follow up with a neighbor who took part in the sports exchange several years ago. Ms. Spruill will contact the minister at All Hallows Episcopal Church to see if he has a Cheltenham UK connection. Mr. Chambres will check if Arcadia University has expanded its international education program to include Cheltenham UK.

C. Ms. Geikler may distribute Twinning material at Arts in the Park this upcoming weekend if her vehicle operates. Ms. Gibson will prepare a handout featuring a photo of the fingerpost, which Ms. Washington will pick up.

6. There being no further business, upon motion of Ms. Washington and approved by committee, the meeting was adjourned.

David G. Kraynik
Township Manager

Per Nancy K. Gibson
Public Information Officer