

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

1. Mr. McCann corrected the installation cost for the fingerpost referenced in the April minutes to \$775. Upon motion of Ms. Geikler and approved by committee, the minutes of the April 6, 2011, meeting were accepted with that correction.

2. Under **Lottery Report**, Mr. McCann reported four winners in April for total payout of \$100. A late arriving ticket was a \$25 winner in January bringing that month's total payout to \$125. Ms. Gibson gave him an additional ticket.

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

A. **Fingerpost and Dedication** – Mr. McCann reported that the fingerpost has been installed. Mr. McCann will attach the fingers and finial to the post within the week. Ms. Spruill offered to provide a sheet from the Wall House, if needed as a cover. Regarding sealing the concrete, Mr. McCann reported it was unnecessary since the concrete will be underground.

Regarding the dedication, the ceremony is slated for Saturday, May 14 at 11:30 a.m. Ms. Gibson reported that:

- a press release, Channel 42, website and Eblast notices have been sent and will be sent again this week. Ms. Gibson will also contact KYW radio, the *Times Chronicle* and the *Philadelphia Inquirer* in particular.
- The Parks and Recreation Department will permit the use of its podium and sound system for the event. They can also provide a stand for a flag.
- ShopRight has agreed to provide a cake and beverages and offered to do more. Ms. Gibson supplied them the Twinning logo of the intertwined flag. Mr. Chambres advised Ms. Gibson by email that he will pick up the refreshments.

- Cheltenham, UK, emailed some comments for the occasion, but Ms. Gibson hopes to receive an official version on letterhead before the event.
- The Gym representatives will speak at the event.
- Commissioner Portner will speak at the event.

Mr. McCann advised Boy Scout Troop 22 will speak at the event.

Regarding the Cheltenham, UK pansies, Ms. Washington reported that they have started to germinate but are too small to plant. Mr. McCann will purchase up to \$25 of plants for the base of the post. Ms. Spruill offered to provide plastic forks, and Mr. McCann can provide other paper goods, as needed. Members should be at the Township Building by 10:30 a.m. for preparations.

The dedication ceremony will feature the following:

- Pledge of allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 22
- Description of the Twinning Committee's purpose (Jim McCann)
- History of fingerposts (Jim McCann)
- Remarks from Cheltenham UK (Commissioner Portner)
- Dedication remarks/Proclamation (Commissioner Portner)
- Comments from Boy Scout Troop 22 and The Gym about their own Twinning connections and what it means to them.
- Unveiling of Fingerpost
- Refreshments and perusal of Twining display.

Ms. Washington will bring a second flag holder and backup table covers. Ms. Spruill will bring a tabletop flag holder and a flower arrangement. Mr. McCann will bring a knife for the cake, ice and two six-foot tables, if needed. [Large tables are available at the Township Building.] Mr. McCann will also put cones in parking spaces near the fingerpost after business hours on Friday to avoid a potential conflict. If it rains, the ceremony will be moved into the boardroom of the Township Administration Building.

B. **Archives** – Ms. Gibson reported on behalf of Ms. White that Ms. White contacted Ms. Spruill and will check the Richard Wall House Museum for items which should be included.

C. **Boy Scout Link** – Mr. McCann reported the Boy Scout Troop 22 sent one of their shirts and some badges to the UK troop, to reciprocate for similar gifts from the UK troop. The UK troop added a US insignia to their uniforms. The UK troop sent a video of a bike tour around their town with descriptions of sites of interest. Ms. Gibson suggested asking each troop for permission to air the video on Channel 42 with appropriate captions about the Twinning link. Ms. McCann will check with the Troop 22 leader.

D. **Rotary Link** – No report

E. **School Student Link** – No report

F. **Gym Exchange** – No report

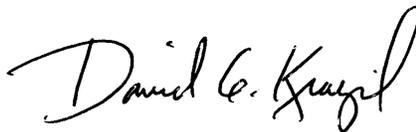
4. Under **Old Business**, Ms. Gibson reported that contact information for a representative of the Cheltenham UK art center was provided to Ms. Geikler’s neighbor, as requested.

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

A. Ms. Washington and Mr. McCann will check with relatives to see if other local scout groups are interested in establishing links with UK counterparts.

B. Ms. Spruill requested Cheltenham UK send “Cheltenham thyme” seeds to be planted at the Wall House herb garden. She will also pursue local sources for the seeds.

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