

January 19, 2012

The regular meeting of the Landmark Commission of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, was held on Thursday, January 19, 2012 in Conference Room B of the Township Municipal Building, Route 10 and North Jefferson Road in the said Township, convening at 7:30 pm.

Chairperson Augelli announced that adequate notice for the meeting has been provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act and by posting written notice of the meeting on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building in said Township and by mailing such notice to the following newspapers: Hanover Eagle, Daily Record, and the Star Ledger.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairperson Augelli, Vice-Chair Petrillo, and Members Blumenfeld, Czuchnicki, Howell, Loughlin, Polo, Alternate Sierpowski, and Liaison Coppola

Absent: Members Cohen and Winters

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The December 15, 2011 minutes were revised with minor changes. Member Blumenfeld moved that the minutes of the meeting be approved as amended. Member Polo seconded the motion. All were in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Member Blumenfeld reported that the Landmark Commission's closing balance on December 30, 2011 was \$106.84. In December, bracelets were ordered for the upcoming Memorial Day Parade for a total of \$102.99. These items however, could not be charged in 2011 as they were an expense for 2012. The expense will be applied to the 2012 budget.

Member Blumenfeld submitted the 2012 budget to the township.

WELCOME:

Chairperson Augelli welcomed Greg Sierpowski to the Landmark Committee (alternate member). Greg shared his background with the members. Committee members then introduced themselves.

CORRESPONDENCE:

In December, Recording Secretary Ahlmeyer submitted 2012 meeting dates to the township.

Members were copied on the e-mail.

An invitation was received on December 5, 2011 regarding the January 1, 2012 township reorganization meeting. Chairperson Augelli shared the announcement as he was not in attendance at the December meeting of the Landmark Commission.

Chairperson Augelli reviewed a notice from the township dated December 14, 2011 regarding purchase orders and vouchers.

Chairperson Augelli sent an e-mail dated December 29, 2011 to George Coppola regarding the donation of the old display case. On January 18, 2012 the township was notified that the check issued for the new case was unacceptable. The matter is being researched by the township.

E-mails from early January 2012 were received concerning Memorial Day parade expenses. See the Treasurer's Report section of the minutes.

A letter from Joseph Giorgio dated January 4, 2012 was reviewed regarding the reappointments of Members Blumenfeld and Loughlin through 2015.

An e-mail from Don Kiddoo was received concerning a presentation on January 27, 2012 about a slave girl named Phoebe.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cemetery Report-Chairperson Augelli indicated that the Cemetery is in good condition. Holiday decorations have been removed. Members discussed the condition of the grave stones.

NEW BUSINESS:

57 Whippany Road-Members discussed the possibility that the house (and ice house) might be demolished due to road construction. The road alterations are associated with the Bayer construction. Although the home is historic in nature, it has been updated both inside and out and cannot be added to the National Register of Historic Places.

Chairperson Augelli indicated that if the home is slated for demolition, pictures and a historic write up should be completed by the Landmark Commission.

Tuttle House-Vice Chairperson Petrillo is trying to obtain a tour of the house for the Landmark Commission members.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations for 2012 Officers:

Chairperson: Bob Augelli indicated that he can no longer assume the responsibility of chairperson. He indicated that he will remain on the committee as a member and assume responsibility for the Cemetery.

Mike Czuchnicki volunteered for the position of Chairperson. He shared his background with the members along with some suggestions for 2012. Vice Chairperson

Petrillo indicated that if Mike is willing to take on the position, the members have the knowledge to assist him in his efforts. Member Howell indicated that the Chairperson selected must be able to lead, look forward, and take the position seriously. Liaison Coppola indicated that the supporting officers have the experience to assist in making 2012 a successful year for the Landmark Commission. Russ Polo concurred with Liaison Coppola's comments.

Members entered into a philosophical discussion on the obstacles that the committee faces with a very limited budget. It was noted that documenting township history (in 2011) was completed without a budget.

Members voted: 5 voted in favor of Mike Czuchnicki, 1 opposed and 1 abstained.

Vice-Chairperson: Pam Petrillo volunteered to remain Vice-Chairperson of the Commission.

Members voted: 7 voted in favor of Pam Petrillo.

Treasurer: Agnes Loughlin nominated Barbara Blumenfeld and Russ Polo seconded the nomination.

Members voted: 7 voted in favor of Barbara Blumenfeld

Corresponding Secretary: Members determined that they would postpone discussing the need for this position until the next meeting.

Liaison Coppola indicated that he is pleased that the commission has elected a slate of officers. In doing so, the Landmark Commission can continue to provide an important contribution to the township and surrounding community.

Member Howell expressed thanks the Bob Augelli for his dedication and vision as Chairperson. Liaison Coppola also extended words of thanks.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made to adjourn by Member Blumenfeld, seconded by Member Loughlin. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting of the Landmark Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

Anita A. Ahlmeyer
Recording Secretary