

January 16, 2014

The regular meeting of the Landmark Commission of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, was held on January 16, 2014 in Conference Room B of the Township Municipal Building, Route 10 and North Jefferson Road in the said Township, convening at 7:00 pm. This new time will become the standard for future meetings.

Chairman Czuchnicki 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: Chairman Czuchnicki, Vice-Chair Petrillo and Sierpowski, Members Howell, Blumenfeld, Loughlin, and Sieka, Liaison Coppola

Absent: Members Cohen (excused), Polo

Guest: Theresa Swala

Minutes: Mark Sieka drafted these in lieu of the lack of a Commission Secretary.

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

The Brochures have not yet arrived, but they will be due soon. We will be presenting to the Township Committee on 1/23.

Member Blumenfeld reported that Bayer gave the Landmark Commission a grant to cover the cost of the afghan donation to Bayer. Bayer will also take care of the commemorative plaque for the afghan. THANK YOU BAYER!

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The December 17, 2013 minutes were approved by the members in attendance.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We are requesting \$5,014 for our 2014 Budget.

CORRESPONDENCE:

None

OLD BUSINESS (Working groups & agenda items / updates):

1. Burying Ground: Vivian & Agnes
 - a. Phases / Funding Request Draft
 - i. Information:
 1. 2013 – Brochure creation and distribution
Brochure over-budget expense was covered by the township. Brochures are expected to be delivered in the next few weeks
 2. 2014 – Signage – about \$5,000
Two kinds: a large, welcome sign showing the entire burying ground and pointing visitors to the many (numbered) graves of interest; the second are the, about 20, numbers. Multiple bids to being solicited.
 - ii. Education & Community Involvement: Tours Volunteers (Boy Scouts)
Eagle scouts may not be allowed to participate because of the “Cleaners’ chemicals”.
 - iii. Beautification – Contemplation circle, benches, plantings -- \$TBD
It looks like the garden club (Ms. Cohen is a member) will provide the first bench
 - iv. Preservation -- \$TBD
Mark to investigate “cleaning” some stones using a fire-process called “fusing”. More stones to be cleaned this year. We cannot now afford fixing broken ones.
 - v. Engineering: embankment (Bayer), bridge, Tuttle House
A Bayer team helped clean the Whippany river east of the Bridge, and is beginning a study of riverbank stabilization.
2. Education: Mike
 - a. Brochure Inventory: we have only one (1) type of HTLC brochure, soon: two (2)
The Burying Ground brochure will be joined by additional ones to be created by the Commission to help inform about the wealth of our history
 - b. Board of Education: e-mail sent to Mr. Giorgio
Awaiting the HTLC presentation to the Township Committee 1/23/14.
 - c. Edit write-ups of our individual homework assignments
A future project for materials suitable for the schools
 - d. Web-site (Greg)
Nothing new: Mike & Greg met with Pete Bozza to give him pictures and requirements
3. “Community” Outreach (WWW): Mark & Greg
 - a. Library Programs for next year
Greg, Marc, and Mike have scheduled 4/2 for the first of four (4) programs at the library
 - b. Volunteers
Needed
 - c. Bayer
Mike met with a possible Bayer volunteer. More to follow.
 - d. Articles, advertising
A future effort

4. "Professional" Outreach: Pam
 - a. *No actions taken*
5. Plaques: Barbara B (for tonight)
 - a. List of existing (Barbara, Don K's list & some Heritage survey)
Ms. Blumenfeld took photographs of the various plaques in the township that the HTLC has placed, as a preparation for developing our plan for additional ones.
 - b. ...planned
6. Research: Mike for Don
 - a. Symposium about Iron Works date of 1715
Don Kiddoo has agreed to participate
7. Archive room: Barbara H
 - a. Work Needed (report on Argon gas release) (Marc)
Ms. Howell to think about the tasks and resources needed
8. Fundraising: Russ
 - a. No information yet on "Friends of HT History" Bank Account, Application, etc.
9. Events: Agnes
 - a. *Revolutionary Weekend forthcoming*
 - b. *Memorial Day*
 - c. *Iron-works Symposium in the Fall*
10. Long-term: Mike
 - a. *Initiative Summary review / presentation to township committee will be 1/23*
 - i. Historic Trail
 - ii. Celebrations
 1. Forge Tricentennial (early event, symposium in 2014)
 2. Burying Ground Tricentennial
 3. Bell Labs Centennial
 - iii. Burying Ground
 - iv. New Parks
 - v. Bell Labs Memorial

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting of the Landmark Commission is scheduled for February 20, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Czuchnicki
Chairman