

# February 20, 2014

The regular meeting of the Landmark Commission of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris and State of New Jersey, was held on February 20, 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.

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.

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## **ATTENDANCE:**

**Present:** Chairman Czuchnicki, Vice-Chair Petrillo and Sierpowski, Members Howell, Loughlin, and Sieka,  
**Absent:** Members Cohen (excused), Polo (excused), Blumenfeld (excused), and Liaison Coppola (excused),  
**Guest:** None  
**Minutes:** Greg Sierpowski drafted these as we lack a Commission Secretary.

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## **CHAIR'S COMMENTS:**

Our first program in the library to the community will also include representatives of the "Old Families," as well as local celebrities, and representatives of interested organizations

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## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the January, 2014 minutes was deferred until next month.

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## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

We are told by Liaison Coppola that the requested \$5,014 will be approved for our 2014 Budget.

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## **CORRESPONDENCE:**

None

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

1. Burying Ground: Vivian & Agnes
  - a. Phases / Funding Request
    - i. Information:
      1. Brochure distribution  
*At least to: Arboretum, Whippany Railway, Marriot Courtyard, Sommerfield Suites and the Morris museum.*
      2. 2014 – Signage  
*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  
*At least one tour will be scheduled for the fall  
Eagle Scouts are not allowed to participate because of the “Cleaner’s 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 has been investigating “cleaning” some stones using a fire-process called “fusing.” It looks promising. More stones will be cleaned this year using the solution we experimented with last 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. We are reaching out to Bayer to learn more.*
2. Education: Mike
  - a. Brochure Inventory: we have two type of HTLC brochure  
*The second (Burying Ground) brochure’s distribution is described above. Next may be a similar one about the Corridor of History through the township.*
  - b. Board of Education:  
*Have now written to Ace Gallagher for an introduction to the Board of Ed*
  - c. Edit write-ups of our individual homework assignments  
*A future project for materials suitable for the schools*
  - d. Web-site (Greg)  
*A new township site launched, but it is not complete.*
3. “Community” Outreach (WWW): Mark & Greg
  - a. Library Programs  
*Greg, Marc, and Mike have created a presentation entitled “Past History’s Future” scheduled 4/2. The attendees will include many of the township “Old Families.” The evening is to present Commission plans as well as solicit volunteers and ideas. This is the first of four (4) programs at the library for 2014.*
  - b. Volunteers  
*Needed*
  - c. Bayer  
*Mike is trying to find the appropriate person in Bayer to coordinate activities with.*

- d. Articles, advertising  
*A future effort*
- 4. "Professional" Outreach: Pam
  - a. *No actions taken*
- 5. Plaques: Barbara B (for tonight)
  - a. *Lists need to be consolidated: (Barbara B, Don K's & the Heritage survey)*
  - b. *We need to create a list of our plans*
- 6. Research: Mike for Don
  - a. Symposium about Iron Works date of 1715  
*Don Kiddoo has agreed to participate; other speakers are needed*
- 7. Archive room: Barbara H
  - a. *Mold cleanup was done by the township*
  - b. *Mark to report on Argon gas release*
  - c. *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 will happen in April*
  - b. *Memorial Day Parade details need to be firmed up*
  - 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 -- 2018
      - 3. Bell Labs Centennial – 2026
    - iii. Burying Ground (see above)
    - iv. New Parks
    - v. Bell Labs Memorial

**NEW BUSINESS:**

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next meeting of the Landmark Commission is scheduled for March 20, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Czuchnicki  
Chairman