

Landmark Commission

April 17, 2014

This regular meeting of the Landmark Commission of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris, State of New Jersey was held on April 17, 2014 in Conference Room B at 7 PM.

Chairperson 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/faxing such notice to the following newspapers: Hanover Eagle, Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Chairman Czuchnicki, Pamela Petrillo, Greg Sierpowski, Barbara Blumenfeld, Vivian Cohen, Barbara Howell, Agnes Loughlin, Russell Polo, Mark Sieka, Don Kiddoo

Absent: Liaison George Coppola

Guest: None

Minutes: Teresa Esposito

CHAIR'S COMMENTS:

An emergency meeting was held. There was a discussion with Liaison Coppola regarding the legal document drafted by the Township attorney regarding discussions with any organization that is not a vendor or part of the Township. We need prior approval from the Township before proceeding.

It was also noted that written correspondence is also to be reviewed by the Township before sending.

Discussions on this topic will be ongoing as it may be deemed that the Township will be the initial contact on our behalf.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Postponed until next meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

No actual report from Barbara.

Mike received a notice confirming the Commission's request for funds.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Teresa K Esposito Appointment/Congratulations Letter
 2. Note that the Committee has received \$5,000 from Mr. Giorgio, Business Administrator.
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OLD BUSINESS: (Working groups & agenda items / updates):

1. Brochure distribution at the Library
2. Morristown Visitor Center
3. Walking tour of the Burial Ground with marked sites
4. Continue to speak with the Town on the May 7th presentation at the Library. Will make a slide from the current map of the cemetery. Will bring copies of photos of headstones, before and after for the Committee to view. May also be able to use the photos on a recent disc to pull and copy for the presentation.
5. Discussion of the loss of several grave sites due to erosion and the possibility of retrieving and reconstructing the headstones.
6. Township to look into obtaining monies outside our budget to purchase booklets and advertising media for our tours.
7. Joining the Tourism Bureau for a fee of \$150 per year where we can include our advertising and become part of the tour roster. The fee to those taking the tour will be \$10 per person. Won't be available until next year, but something to seriously consider.

8. Charter members buried in the Whippany Burial Ground. Original Members to include the Fairchilds, Tuttle, K**Community Outreach**, advertising and planned events. Need to compile a roster of potential "Working Group" members.
10. **Beautification** of the Burial Grounds by the Garden Club. Will be looking into a bench. Discussion of placing Daffodils and various other plants along the frontage of the Church (Our Lady of Mercy Chapel). Must look into the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of the flower beds before planting.

The loss of up to seventeen feet of Burial Ground that has slid into the Whippany R

Repair, replacement and reconstruction of various posts, fences and burial stones surrounding the burial ground. Still waiting for a meeting with Bayer. Mr. Giorgio was to arrange.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Bayer is in the process of hiring a Community Resource representative. Mike, will research this and find a way to contact this new person while keeping to the policy mandated by the Township Committee.
2. Symposium on Iron Forge. Would like to get Don Kiddoo to talk on it. Mike will be looking at representatives from Picatinny Arsenal and the Wharton School of Business to provide educational input during the Symposium.
3. Iron works near Sussex County will be having a 4/26 tour of the Ringwood Manor. Industrial Archeological Tour.
4. The question of being able to offer a gift card/scholarship to the area schools to get students involved in learning about the history of our area. The idea of a scavenger hunt was discussed and the use of local newspapers to advertise was suggested.
5. Committee meeting informally at Mike Czuchnicki home at 7 PM on Wednesday April 23rd to talk about the fourth presentation.
6. Barbara working on a "single" list of projects we are working on. Barbara will give to Greg once complete with pictures and maps.
7. Would like to find a way to get into the schools to give mini seminars and educate students on the history of the Township.
8. How to handle the gifting of Township artifacts.
9. Brief talk of the giveaways for the upcoming parade. Arm bracelets seem to be the most cost effective. Suggested that 500 be ordered.

- 10. Replacement of British flags that are deteriorated with new ones prior to Memorial Day.

NEXT MEETING:

April 30th will be the next meeting date to be held at 7PM, in Conference Room B.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned by Pam Petrillo and Barbara Blumenfield 9:10 PM.

**Respectfully submitted,
Teresa K. Esposito**

NOTE:

Special Meetings of the Commission were held on April 30, 2014 and May 6, 2014 at the Municipal Building. The purpose of the meetings was to review the presentation the Commission planned to present at the Whippanong Library on May 7, 2014.