

# Landmark Commission

## November 20, 2014

This regular meeting of the Landmark Commission of the Township of Hanover, County of Morris State of New Jersey was held on November 20, 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:** Chair Mike Czuchnicki and members Greg Sierpowski, Barbara Blumenfeld, Mark Sieka, Agnes Loughlin

**Absent:** Members: Pam Petrillo, Vivian Cohen, Barbara Howell, Russell Polo, George Coppola, Teresa Esposito

**Guest:** Theresa - Volunteer from the Whippanong Library

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There were no minutes to approve at this time.

### OLD BUSINESS:

Landmark is still looking for new Commission members. The commission will be sending out letters to potential new members. There needs to be a total of nine members and two alternates.

The suggestion was made to have a 5K run around the trails so residents get involved and learn more of the history around the trails.

Organizing a fundraiser for "Neighbors who have made history" was also suggested.

There will be a survey distributed at Saturday's meeting asking those attending what they would like to see more of. Mike Czuchnicki will be putting the years' attendance records together for Mr. Giorgio. He asks for them yearly.

The recorder did not work for last month's meeting. Mike Czuchnicki takes notes on the agenda. Teresa Esposito will get caught up on the meeting minutes as soon as possible.



**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Mike Czuchnicki mentioned the Tour and keeping track of the monies. So far they have given us: \$50 and an additional \$25 possibly \$50. There was also the "UM" Fund. Mike Czuchnicki owes \$.10, there is \$1.45 total in the Fund. Anyone saying "UM" owes a nickel.

Barbara Blumfeld applied to the league of Desirable Societies in New Jersey. Barbara filled out paperwork and mailed the purchase order, two yellow sheets, and a Tax Form. They will mail it back directly to Silvio once signed.

Barbara also submitted paperwork to New Jersey Events for the Morristown Historical Society for Morris County Iron. It should be included in their latest brochure. The date is Saturday November 22, 2014, 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM at the Hanover Township Community Center.

A thank you letter from Barbara went out to the Garden Club for the bench.

Barbara said that she had previously mentioned a Tax ID number. She found out from Rob Endente that Sales Tax cannot be reimbursed by the Township on purchases made. If receipts are submitted for purchases made on behalf of a Commission or Club, Sales Tax is ineligible and will not be included in the voucher process for reimbursement.

Spending on Forum is approximately \$400 total to date.

**BUDGET NEXT YEAR:**

Next year's budget has three different parts. Not wanting to spend money on the Burying Yard in terms of restoration and preservation of things that are breaking. It could cost up to \$100k to do the kind of work that is necessary there. If that is spread over a number of years (4 or 5), we can tell the Township that we want to begin our multi-part program next year; we can ask for \$20k. There are a total of twenty six stones; some of which are going to be removed and cleaned, some need to be repaired. The approximate total came to \$36,340 including the staff conservator, the materials, eighteen trips, re-pour, production, postage and reproduction.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Mike has composed a mailing list. The Commission now has 50-100 names on the list. Mike wants to create an email address for Landmark.

Theresa has letterhead for those who would like it.

Thank you notes need to be sent out. Looking for someone to volunteer to do the writing of these notes.

**IRON FORGE:**

Barbara is putting together a program and will give it to Theresa. In the program there should be a schedule along with a one page bio for all speakers. The audience should have an idea of who is speaking along with a bit of information about them. The day will begin at 8:55 AM when Mike will ask all in attendance to sit.

George will lead the Pledge of Allegiance and will also introduce Ron. Mayor Francioli will welcome the guests. Mike will continue to introduce each speaker. The Library opening will be by John Marose and in between speakers he will be handling the memory sticks, CD's and maintaining order so each speaker can present without confusion.

All the audio visual equipment is set up to include slide projectors and microphones with speakers. Each speaker will speak for approximately five minutes and will also be available after the presentation to answer questions. There will be two registration tables; Theresa will be at one and Barbara will be on the other.

There is a woman named Pat Seffner who is a professional costumer. She has worked with the Sopranos', the King and I, and several Broadway plays. Pat makes all of her own costumes, and enjoys dressing in costume. She will be "Mrs. Ford".

There will be slide presentations, photocopied also, so when guests leave they take with them the memory of the presentation. Picatinny alone will be putting up thirty slides.

There will be deli platters of sandwiches to be picked up in Parsippany at the Shop Rite. Need to be picked up and paid for by one of the Committee members. Set up starts at 12:30.

There is a painting in the Township lobby that Don is trying to get Mr. Grossi to commission a world class painting of. It is a copy of the Forge in the Hanover's.

Whippany is probably the birth place of approximately five iron forges. One by the airport, one close to the old antique shop, one that is in the Ryan House, one that is just to the right where there is a clearing.

**WEBSITE:**

Need to develop a new website for the Commission. Vista Print was mentioned. They will provide a ten page webpage; they will set it up where it will cost \$45 a month. The webmaster will also work with another company; the Square Reader.

Develop a map screen. Touch a spot on the map and it takes you to the Burying Ground for example.

Would like to begin going into schools and educating students on the Commission. Elementary, Middle and High School students are the target audience.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:**

Suggestion of a \$200 scholarship to be given to the student that writes the best essay on the cemetery.

A raffle was also suggested. The winner would receive an afghan. To qualify you need to be the first person to answer a question correctly about a piece of history. The clue will be what happened on these dates: 7/20/69, 9/2/85, 11/12/14 and what do they have in common?

**SIGN AND MEMORIAL DEDICATION:**

A date has been picked for the dedication. Saturday, April 11, 2015 will be the date of the ceremony and a tour of the cemetery. It is the week after Easter.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Czuchnicki at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa K. Esposito

