

Township of Pequannock
Historic District Commission

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Commission was held Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Pompton Plains Railroad Station Museum with all members and council liaison present except Ed Englebart who was excused to attend a County historical board meeting

The minutes of the reorganizational meeting were accepted as sent by Dave Wisneski and seconded by Lou Hebert.

1. Martin Berry House Status Report

- a. The closing was held and the house now belongs to the Township.
- b. Jay Wanczyk spoke to Dave Holberg, town mgr., and he said that before anything else can be done an alarm system will be installed and the heating system will be modified until it can be converted to gas (at present it needs daily attention). He also said that the town has an arborist who will check on the trees and bushes to see which ones should be retained. Underbrush will be cleared so that the house will be more visible.
- c. The gas line goes through the property and Public Service is in the process of updating the line on Cedar Rd. so perhaps the Martin Berry House could be connected at that time.
- d. The water line also crosses the property.
- e. Our letter of intent to do restoration must be in to the County from the Township by February 28.

2. Notifications..regarding site plan and/or demolition work on Township listed historic properties.

- a. No new notifications
- b. The Paulus De Bow House on Mountain Ave. has been demolished.

3. Special Events and Exhibits for 2017

- a. Memorial Day
- b. Street Fair. This will now be under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce. We will participate.
- c. Hoe-Down
- d. Pathways..The next meeting will be February 8 at the Kinnelon Museum. We will write something in the brochure that would tell people to check at the Railroad Station Museum to see if the Martin Berry House could be visited. (We won't know in time to have it in the brochure) There should be a representatiive from the Historical Society at these meetings.

4. Museum Updates

- a. Sewer connection pending...nothing new to report
- b. County bike path..Jay Wanczyk said that New York got money for a similar project from the Trust for Public Land. We will pursue this. We are still interested in tying this in with the Greenway project. We should also tie it with the Economic Development Commission.
- c. Museum "reboot" Plan to move exhibits around in the Station Museum.

5. Reports

a. Historical Society Updates

1. Tuesday Feb. 7, will be the election of new officers and executive board. All members are urged to attend as this will be a crucial and busy year for the group since the house now belongs to the Township.

2. The final approval of the agreement of the operation and maintenance plan with the township must be approved. (It is in the works)

b. Open Space Advisory Board Liaison Report..Bob Safarik

1. Bob reported that he Riverside walk is a prime project for this group and is doing very well.

2. Bob also suggested that we have a pre-tour of the Martin Berry House for town board, planners etc., to get their input and interest.

Donations Report

a. A set of nine 1960 Train wreck photos taken by Robert Wands of Bellville, an Erie Railroad employee, were donated by Bob Hohorst of Adams St.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30

Respectfully submitted Jane Costello Recording Secretary