

Township of Pequannock
Historic District Commission

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Commission was held Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Pompton Plains Railroad Station Museum with all members and Council Liaison present.

The minutes of the February meeting were accepted as sent by Bob Safarik and seconded by Lou Hebert.

1. Martin Berry House Status Report

a. Township application to the County...Cathy Winterfield , council liaison, said that Chris (the assistant to Dave Holberg) assured her that it will e in on time and is in process. Jay Wanczyk will talk to Chris and offer to help with the application as new guidelines have been added recently, including a landscape plan. We also are interested in pursuing the possibility of a geothermal system for heating and cooling. Jay will discuss that with him too.

b. Agreement with the Historical society and the Town. There will be a joint meeting about this on Thursday, March 2. This is also well under way.

c. Cathy Winterfield spoke to Council about having a day when Council an various boards and commissions could tour the house. This idea was well received and plans are under way.

d. Spring Clean-up.....Ed Englebart said that the Reformed Church is having a Christian Service Day on April 2. He suggested that a spring clean-up at the Martin Berry House could be a good project. He will submit the particulars and this group could join in with the Historical Society to work on the grounds. (I was also suggested that we might use leftover supplies from the river clean up the day before. We will talk to Rudy Steintal about this.)

2. Notifications regarding site plans and/or demolition on township listed historic properties.....none this month

3. Special Events Participation and Exhibits for 2017

a. Memorial Day..We will have a display at Grace Chapel featuring veterans. Since it is the 100 year anniversary of the U.S. entry into World War I, we will feature that and Dave Wisneski will see if there are any family member of those from our town killed in that war and invite them to be guests of honor. We will also feature the Martin Berry House and members of the Historical Society will be on hand.

b. Street Fair June 4.....This year it will be run by the Chamber of Commerce.

c. Hoe-Down...Sept. 21

d. Pathways in our section of the brochure we will instruct visitors to check at the Railroad Station Museum for information on viewing the Martin Berry House as we don't know now what the status will be.

4. Museum updates

a. Sewer Connection pending...This will be coming very soon.

b. County Bike Path updates...Cathy Winterfield said she had been told on good authority that construction on this project will begin in 2018. We are still hopeful to tie this in with the Greenway project.

c. Museum..Jay Wanczyk has refinished the floor. It looks excellent....(many thanks to Jay)

5. Reports

a. Historical Society Updates..New officers were chosen at the February meeting and it was decided to have just one meeting per month (the first Tuesday). There will be a speaker on New Jersey Diners at the upcoming meeting on March 7 at 7:30 at the Legion Hall.

b. Open Space Advisory Board liaison...Bob Safarik reported that work and discussion of the river Walk is ongoing. There was also discussion of where to put another community garden. One suggestion that it be located at PV Park sounded feasible. Other suggestions were an area behind the hospital and Greenview Park. No decision on this has been made.

6. Other Business

a. Ed Englebart submitted an article on the Martin Berry House to the Hometown Paper (giveaway) and it appeared this week. This may be a good spot for our publicity.

b. Anita Daniel has the doll house donated by Joan Shane. It is the replica of a house in town. We discussed putting it in the Museum for viewing and then in a child's bedroom at the Martin Berry House. We need details of what house this was modeled after and where the house was located.

7 Donations Report

a. Hands Across The Sea - 1969 PTHS Band record album...donated by Jay Wanczyk. Jay also had two postcards...one of the bar at the Triangle Hofbrau and one of the exterior.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm. Respectfully submitted Jane Costello