

Township of Pequannock
Historic District Commission

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Commission was held Wednesday, May 3, 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 for County Historic Board Meeting.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as sent by Dave Wisneski and seconded by Bob Safarik.

1. Martin Berry House

a. Township agreement with the Historical Society. This is now in the hands of the township attorney so this is good progress.

b. Commission members inspection. Cathy Winterfield, council liaison will ask about this. This would be so that we have a feel for the status of the house at the present.

2. Notifications..regarding the site plan and/or demolition work on designated Township historic properties...none received.

a. Dave Wisneski reported on two properties on Lincoln Park Road that are undergoing major work.

3. Special Events participation and Exhibits for 2917

a. Civil War Cemetery Tour to be led by Ed Englebart on May 21. The Historical Society has put out good publicity on this.

b. Memorial Day. Annual exhibit at Grace Chapel featuring World War I and the Martin Berry House.

c. Street Fair June 4

1, Museum will be open all day We should have good foot traffic as the car show is nearby.

2, Historical Society will have a booth. George Janowicz will provide a tent for them. He will bring it to the museum the day before.

d. Hoe-down. Third Saturday in September...will plan later.

e, Pathways. Oct 7 and 8 (date to be confirmed).

4. Museum Updates

a. Sewer connection...still pending

b. County bike path. Cathy Winterfield reported that Joe Wells said that April 28, 2018 will be the start! It is now planning to go down the middle of the tracks.

5. Reports

- a. Historical Society Updates...Increasing membership is now the most important project for this group now that the town owns the house.
- b. Open Space..liaison Bob Safarik reported that County money is available for work on the river Walk. This walkway will be gone through again clearing debris from the winter etc. Increasing the community garden project was discussed (where to build it etc.) but no decision was reached.

6. Other business

- a. Anita Daniel attended the program on trees. A discussion followed and Cathy Winterfield suggested we do an inventory of "historic "trees" to be preserved. (this would be a good project for a Boy Scout or girl Scout.

7. Donation Report

- a. Pequannock Monopoly Game donated by Betty De Vry.
- b. Two old post cards..one of Pequannock Township Fire Dept.....actually "old Pequannock" as the first fire Department was in Butler....from Joyce Grizleis
- c. 1976 book of Tours of Historic Morris County (with a section written by Eleanor Bogert) donated by George Janowicz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted Jane Costello