

Township of Pequannock
Historic District Commission

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Preservation Commission was held July 5, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Pompton Plains Railroad Station Museum with all members and council liaison present except Lou Ebert.

The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as sent by Bob Safarik and seconded by George Janowicz.

1. Martin Berry House

a. Township agreement with the historical Society

1. This was discussed at length at a recent council meeting and there were three points that needed clarification. When these have been resolved and redrafted (hopefully about July 14) the agreement will be in place and access to the house will be possible.

a. A termination clause in the event the Historical society ceases to operate (suggested that the contents of the house would then belong to the town...along with the house itself.)

b. Clarification of which costs would be the responsibility of the Historical Society.

c. The agreement would be revisited periodically and updated or changed as needed.

b. It was suggested that a ribbon cutting event would create interest.

2. Bike Path Progress Report

a. Council Liaison Cathy Winterfield received a "Bike and Pedestrian Path" official printed report with a picture of the Station Museum on the cover. We are interested in tying the bike path with the Martin Berry House, which is only a fourth of a mile from the path. It was also noted that the Museum is the only major historic attraction on the path.

3. Notifications regarding site plan and/or demolition on Township listed historic properties.....none received.

4. Special Events. Participation and Exhibits for 2017

a. Hoe Down September 16 We will have a booth in the pavilion. The Historical Society will have a larger venue with their new Martin Berry House presentation etc.

b. Pathways Weekend Oct 7 and 8

1. We will plan for the strong possibility that the Martin Berry House grounds will be open and available to be visited. This is important since we didn't own the house when the Pathways booklet was printed.

2. Jay Wanczyk suggested a booklet describing the two sites and distribute it to the sites on our "loop".

3. We need more signage for directions to the sites. We have some previous Pathways banners that can possibly be used.

5. Museum updates

a. Sewer connection pending...we were informed it would not be this year.

b. Trash Collection update.. The private carter was skipping the Museum. Jay Wanczyk call Peter Correale to remedy this. It was stated that we could use another trash can at the far end of the property toward Evans Pl.

6. Reports

a. Open Space Advisory Board. Bob Safarik reported nothing new (they are centered on the River Walk)

b. Other Historical Society updates....Cathy Winterfield reported that when you shop Amazon you can go to smile.amazon.com and select the Historical Society and they get a percentage of each sale.

7. Donation Report

a. National Geographic Historic Preservation book...Lou Hebert

b. Anita Daniel a..flag and two books a cook and coloring book done by local residents.

8. Other Business

a. Ed Englebart reported that he was in contact with a woman from Hawaii who was connected to Pastor Fortner of the Reformed Church. She had several historic post cards...one of the Red Cross Parade...July 4, 1917 and another of Mrs. Peck in an open touring car with a small boy in the back seat depicting a wounded soldier and a girl acting as his nurse.

b. Ed also had information from a Shober family from town with many local connections

Dave Wisneski moved and Ed Englebart seconded that the meeting be adjourned

Respectfully submitted Jane Costello