

MINUTES

KENNETT TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION MEETING

FROM: April 1, 2019 (Make- up meeting to replace March 26 scheduled meeting , which was cancelled because Chair was ill)

Commission Members Present: Jay Hughes, Denise Klein, Diane McGovern, Judy Merhar, Sara Meadows, Fredda Pennock

Members Absent: Lars Farmer, Ed Rahme, Jim Jacoby

Sara opened the meeting at 7:11

1. The Minutes of February 26, 2019, were accepted with no changes
2. Election of Officers for 2019 was again postponed.
3. Treasurer's Report – Balance - \$1835. Fredda asked for clarification of 2019 expenditures. Explanation is :In 2018, Sara gave the Town Tour /Village Walk (2)bus drivers each \$20 and she paid for the relocation of the weeping cherry tree- \$125 which was dying from its too-wet location. She made these payments from her personal account because KTHC budget was depleted by the end of July.
4. Fredda provided an update on the program with information about the speaker, Colvin Randall. We discussed additional information about Longwood Gardens and its relationship with Kennett Township and how we could relay that information to our guests if Colvin does not include it in his talk. Ultimately we decided that Fredda should make the final decision about what should be done with any additional information.
5. Updates on projects - The Pines –Sara shared the Chester County Press article by Richard Gaw, which highlighted the restoration project at the Pines. It was also reported that a non-profit group is looking at the building.
6. Still no news reported on progress regarding the Isaac Allen House on McFarlan Road, except that there are still discussions going on between the Township and Chatham Financial.
7. Sara showed some photos of the current state of the Walter Farmhouse since the west addition and the porches have all been removed. Sara suggested that we all keep watch, informally at least, about what happens at the farmhouse.
8. Sara showed us the article about Spar Hill Farm which Diane had written for the Newsletter. It is a very interesting and informative piece. There are no new developments with the Spar Hill Farm project – just waiting for Committee to be created so ideas can be created and work can be started.
9. Sara is continuing to work with other KT employees on updates to the Comprehensive Plan update re: historic properties. Our Commission members discussed what our role should be and it was agreed that going forward, the Commission should have a significant role in the determining the fate of historic properties because the Historic Commission core goals,

concerns, and interests, will continue long after we are all gone. The Historic Commission's chief concern is the recording and sharing of information and when possible, the protection and preservation of the Township's historic resources. Sara will try to make sure these values are reflected in the updates.

10. We noted that work has begun at Mike Pia's historic home at 595 Bayard Road.
11. Denise reported on the CCHPN workshop she attended on March 23 and provided some material for the History Room. She found the workshop interesting, informative and helpful.
12. Denise, as our Representative to the Brandywine Battlefield Taskforce, reported that the Taskforce has received a grant which will allow each Township in the Battlefield expanded area to erect a marker. We briefly discussed where we should place our marker and decided that the Clifton Mill area could be a good spot. Judy will do some research about the mill and develop some ideas for the marker
13. We agreed that we will go ahead working with KURC to place a PHMC marker at the Pines – we will contact Sandy Reber and ask her meet with us again as work progresses.
14. Everyone present received a copy of the CCHPN Ledger through the mail.
15. Sara will not be able to attend the next scheduled meeting so it was decided that we will reschedule it for Monday, April 22.

16. The Meeting was adjourned at 8:34

Respectively submitted

Sara Meadows, Acting Secretary