



THPC Minutes of May 1, 2014

Chairman David Wall called the meeting to order at 8:05 P.M. and read the Open Public Meetings Act.

Open Public Meetings Act

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, the notice requirements have been satisfied.

Meeting dates for the year are confirmed at the Annual Meeting, and posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center and published in the Press Journal and The Record within the first 10 days of the New Year.

Copies of all revised or additional meeting notices are sent via fax to the Press Journal, The Record, Suburbanite and Northern Valley News and are posted on the public bulletin board in the lobby of the Municipal Center.

Roll Call:

Present: Chairman Dave Wall
Michael Barone
Reno Danese
Karen Neus

Also Present: Paul Stefanowicz, Historical Liaison
Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison
Max Basch, Mayor's Liaison
Kevin Tremble, Planning Board Liaison

Excused: Dr. Rita Heller
Dr. Don Marino
Mario Turchi

Certificate of Appropriateness – 167 Serpentine Road

Chairman Wall visited 167 Serpentine Road. Owners requesting to put vinyl siding on stand alone garage at rear of property. Chairman approved C/A without conditions. Discussion amongst members regarding application of vinyl on wooden garage and

problems that could be forthcoming. It was suggested that Dave drop off National Park Service Technical Preservation Briefs to the owners, so they might be made aware of what could happen regarding ventilation and moisture underneath the vinyl.

23 East Hill Court

Karen spoke about major digging going on at northeast corner of 23 East Hill Court. She requested Chairman ask Building Department what permits did owners get, should it have been referred to THPC.

Tenaflly Nature Center

Cultural Resource Consultants sent a letter from Richard Grubb, Consultant, to Chairman, asking about the Tenaflly Nature Center. They included a USGS map and asked about archeology digs resources. Dave will contact them later. They are probably asking because TNC got government funds at one time. Kevin said Borough demolished two out buildings of Dunham House. Kevin also said the stone walls were described by Hessian Commander marching to Fort Lee.

Mackay-Lowe Estate

Dave, Rita and Borough Attorney Bill McClure met with property owners at offices of Greenberg & Watkins on April 30th to discuss possibility of compromise on landmark status. Dave has no details because he's not certain what attorneys have in mind for next step. do. Dave said take things one day at a time. The newspapers are contacting him, and his answers are succinct. Karen asked what the next step would be. Dave said Mayor & Council might set the matter down to take a vote.

No members of the public present this evening

Roosevelt Monument

Kenneth Reilly handles electrical problems of Tenaflly. Two lights have been badly damaged by vandals and THPC will have to consult with Ken regarding repairs. Dave asked if THPC should refer this to Police Department. Publicity about the damage might be helpful to let public know. Student Liaison Nick said it damage was there last fall when he took photographs of the monument. Kevin added always file a police department report, so there is a paper trail. Karen asked if uprights are needed. Council Liaison Max asked why it isn't covered by insurance. Mike commented about the green ink poured on Lincoln Monument. He added there is a serious behavior problem with some children. Dave asked Mike to call Borough Administrator Jewel and start the process regarding the masonry at the monument. Kevin had the specifications, and Karen passed them to Ken Reilly.

CIRCA Signs – no report at this time

Roosevelt Commons & Monument Signs

Kevin reported the signs are in production. Reno asked if new signs should be erected in sun or shade. Kevin said there was mold and bacteria “gunk” on wooden signs.

Inness Road Gates

Mike had nothing new to report. Reno said he’d call the man in Closter once again.

Miscellaneous

Mike spoke about repair of chimneys on older and historic homes. Most of the fireplaces were decorative and not meant to house a big wood fire. His chimney was not properly lined, which is now, with a rebar in each corner. It did not have to be dismantled using a jack hammer. He saved the brick from the chimney. Mike suggested an article be put in Tenafly News making residents aware of inspecting fireplaces and lining them.

Planning Board Liaison Report

Kevin gave a brief report from the Work Sessions. They are discussing non-contiguous and cluster zones for preservation of historic sites. A regional transfer concept was also discussed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Reno Danese; seconded by Karen Neus. So approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Transcriber

Meeting adjourned at 9:23 P.M.

Approved June 2014