



### THPC Minutes of November 6, 2014

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

#### Roll Call

**Present:**

Chairman David Wall  
Rita Heller  
Michael Barone  
Reno Danese  
Don Merino  
Karen Neus

**Absent:**

Mario Turchi  
Max Basch, M/C Liaison

**Also Present:**

Paul Stefanowicz, Assistant Borough Historian  
Nicholas Stefanowicz

#### 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.

#### Certificate of Appropriateness

197 Serpentine Road - Chairman Wall reviewed application from Mark Peness to replace 9 windows to match existing windows. Also 3 windows on top of façade are not to be disturbed. Approved conditionally, as long as items listed above are complied with.

#### **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes as amended made by Rita Heller; seconded by Reno Danese. So carried.

#### **SGT. NICHOLAS ORESKO PARK**

Assistant Borough Historian Stefanowicz said a school in Bayonne and something in Cresskill, where Sgt. Oresko also lived, have been named after him. It is believed he lived from late 1940's to 2005 in Tenafly and was Grand Marshall of Memorial Day Parade many years. Mario Turchi may show a sample of contemplated sign to Mayor & Council. Paul Stefanowicz will do research for proper background material. Chairman suggested placement of sign in middle of park along pathway, which would be a quiet respectful site. Mario said a landscaper designer had offered his services. THPC agrees sign should be placed in middle of park near foot path; bronze type sign with picture of Sgt. Oresko; landscape designer will recommend to Borough that THPC speak with landscape designer before they order the sign. Chairman asked if "green" could perhaps replace the word "park" in this regard.

#### **ATWOOD-POND HOUSE**

In 1855, Captain Benjamin Pond saved passengers involved in a Pacific Ocean ship wreck. Mr. Atwood bought & sold the property. The sign designating this home will be prepared by Sewah Studios in Ohio. Rita has invoice from Sewah Studios in Ohio for the sign - \$1,790.

#### **SISSON HOUSE WITH TOWER - 89 HIGHWOOD AVENUE**

Mr. Stefanowicz will speak with present owners, M/M Farley (parents of 6 children) about putting a blue historic designation sign in front of their home. An owner was President of railroad and at one time the home was headquarters for the Red Cross. Dave is worried about this property. If a historic sign was erected, it might dissuade new owner from demolishing it.

FYI: Karen said the blue historic sign at 20 Forest Road needs to be refurbished. Cost is \$800.

Karen said should a capital campaign be undertaken to purchase Laimbeer House property. Don said the roads are already cut and only ½ mile from Route 9W. Perhaps ask around if people are interested in that endeavor. Don said he thinks the parcel of land is owned by Borough of Tenaflly in the nature center area.

Karen said property at 195 Jefferson is also on the market. Dave will email Kevin Tremble, Planning Board, regarding this fact.

### **INNESS ROAD GATES**

Letter dated October 7, 2014 from Bob Carpenter to Bob Culvert stating he had scrubbed and worked very hard on the gates. Cost was \$625.00 to remove graffiti on stone pillars.

### **ELIZABETH CADY STANTON HOUSE**

Chairman spoke with her relative, Colene Jenkins. He'd like it if a statue could be made depicting Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony sitting next together on a bench and it was placed in the park at the formerly proposed pavilion site. Rita added there was a full-sized statue of Elizabeth meeting Susan in Seneca Falls, New York.

### **NO VOTE ON TENAFLY NATURE CENTER**

Chairman spoke regarding "no" vote on Tenaflly Nature Center building a larger center. Perhaps the Mayor & Council could ask the owners if they'd sell a portion of the Laimbeer House property. Discussion about road already cut, ½ mile from 9W. Don Merino thinks a parcel of land is already owned by Tenaflly in Nature Center area to the northern boundary.

### **BLUE HISTORIC MARKER SIGNS**

Discussion that if two signs being considered are rejected by owners, perhaps a sign should be installed at (1) Colver House on Magnolia Avenue, which could cover chapel, manse and that house. Michael said owner of manse has a sign on his home already; (2) Home at 195 Jefferson is on the market. THPC concerned that property might be subdivided.

### **BUDGET**

Treasurer Rita Heller noted less and less funds are received. There was only \$8,200 in the 2014 budget. Most of the items are overhead. \$1,800 for blue marker sign; \$2,000 to pay T. Robbins

Brown. Don suggested sending a letter to homeowners on Magnolia and Serpentine regarding registering their historic homes.

#### **RETIREMENT OF PATRICIA HALE**

Ms. Hale is retiring to Myrtle Beach on December 1<sup>st</sup>. She is the desk person @ Borough Hall. THPC will send a letter stating her conscientious and helpfulness along with a \$50 gift certificate. Pat monitored the sales of THPC guidelines book. Motion to approve made by Don Merino; seconded by Karen Neus. So approved. Nick Stefanowicz will write the letter with copies to Mayor & Borough Administrator.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rita; seconded by Reno. So approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary