



THPC Minutes of April 7, 2016

Vice-Chairman Mario Turchi 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

Vice-Chairman Mario Turchi
Treasurer Rita Heller
Secretary Richard Bennett
Reno Danese
Michael Barone
Paul Stefanowicz, Mayor's Liaison
Sheryl Gaines, Planning Board Liaison Alternate
Nick Stefanowicz, Student Liaison

Excused: Chairman Karen Neus
David Wall

Certificate of Appropriateness

A new Certificate of Appropriateness was issued by Chairman Neus for 172 Serpentine Road. This was in regard to new front double doors at this property. Dave Wall and Richard Bennett were consulted prior to the issuance.

Financial Disclosure Form

Mario reminded the members to fill out the form by April 30, 2016 and to submit it on-line to Borough Clerk. There is a possible \$100+ fine if this is not completed on time.

2016 New Jersey History and Historic Preservation Conference

Date of this seminar is June 8-9 to be held at Seton Hall University.

19 Peter Lynas Court

Tenafly Planning Board held a 3-hour meeting on March 23 and will continue deliberations and ruling on Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 8:00 P.M. Rita spoke about Property Owner Don Merino, former THPC Chairman, and that he had a team of attorney, engineer, planner and architect present. Three neighbors spoke against the subdivision; one was in favor. There was a question as to why did Don wait so long to begin an application for subdivision. Don said he started three years ago, had trouble selling it. The only bids came from builders who wanted to tear down the house; he didn't want it demolished, so he applied for the subdivision. New property would be half-acre; old property would be one-third acre. Neighbors cited it would be non-conforming property. Don's architect and planner both stated properties to the west are all non-conforming. Rita added each expert did his homework. If subdivided, barn/home would still set back on a hill. Owner of property immediately to the south, a cottage behind evergreen trees was most unsympathetic and established a down note at the meeting. Next hearing is April 27th. Rita sent a letter to the Planning Board, but learned you must be there in person and speak for letter to be read. Mayor Rustin, Paul Stefanowicz and Karen Neus walked the property two weeks ago on a Saturday.

Sgt. Oresko Park

Mayor spoke to Mario. He wants new grass and walkways. Mayor Rustin searched unsuccessfully for a survey of the property as requested by Paul Keyes, landscape architect. Mayor thought Paul Keyes would do a survey gratis. Paul Keyes thought the monument should be more visible and nearer the street with pathways being placed around the perimeter, perhaps add benches like Huyler Park has. Karen has solicited a proposal from another local landscape architect, Chris Karach. Mario gave drawings to Paul Keyes; Paul liked them. Mario believes a deadline for completion should be set, otherwise it won't be completed at all.

89 and 93 Highwood; Church of the Atonement; 20 Forest Road (Everett Dunn House)

Mr. Sullivan delivered to Rita sample copies of designation reports for these four nominated properties for proofreading. Karen wants homeowners to get a copy to look over. Rita would like Mr. Sullivan to print extra copies for homeowners and some members of this Board. Dave perused them also. Mike didn't see the electronic version. T.R. Brown did email copies of these four designation reports to Karen and Dave. Mario asked if there were any more reports on the docket.

Mike suggested any new owners on Park Street should be visited to see if they would be interested in designation for their homes. Rita said Alice Rigney wrote an anecdotal history of Park Street with illustrations about 10 years ago. In addition, there was also an expensive professional designation report done prior to our association with T.R. Brown. Mario asked members do we want to spend time and money on list of September 2015 minutes or regroup. Dave had the most information on properties and everyone is worried about large properties that could be subdivided. A 1,500 square foot house was torn down and a 3,500 square foot house built on that property. 195 Jefferson has set precedence.

New address of second house on 195 Jefferson is 191 Jefferson. Mike said they might not be

able to have curving driveway because of grade of property.

Historic District Signs

Mario reported one sign is missing; one is bashed and bent over (Clinton); one at Serpentine & Clinton, the head is missing and has to be refabricated. Mario ordered an extra two signs. Rita suggested in the future that signs not be put on Clinton, but then they would be less visible. Mike asked about putting district signs below street signs. Members didn't know if that would be legal. Mario said he spoke to Tenafly Police Department and that is not allowed. Mike said perhaps the missing sign was in the area, perhaps hit and just laying out of sight. The sign on Serpentine and Westervelt was gone and is now back. Kevin Tremble suggested using reflective letters to see the signs at night. Mario said he'd do a survey of signs to see what is around and what has been damaged or disappeared, and report at next meeting. Reno said he'd go with Mario.

Mario said a reminder should go in the Borough newsletter about the availability of purchasing a CIRCA sign.

Guidelines Discussion

Rita raised the issue of the guidelines booklet for sale - \$25 – black/white copy; \$30 – color, and that they are available at front desk, Borough Hall. Paul said it should be mentioned 3-4 times a year in the Borough newsletter. Rita noted the money received from the guidelines sales goes into the Trust Fund of HPC. Paul added the Library wasn't comfortable in selling guidelines at the Library Desk. Mario said Lissette is Borough Web Master and he had talked to her about putting guidelines mention on web site.

Mike said he'd call Lissette and ask about uploading guidelines on web: (1) Promoting sale on HPC portion; (2) add to newsletter; (3) Download electronic copy on PDF – ZIP file and since billing is through a third party – fee would be built into cost. Format funds so it goes into HPC Trust Fund. Mike said there is a \$15.00 charge for download. Mike asked Richard if there was an architect's group. Richard said Northern Jersey Chapter of N.J. AIA.

Bergen County Historical Society Authors Day

This Sunday from 1-5 P.M. at the Steuben House, cost \$10, refreshments and local history. Alice Rigney and Paul Stefanowicz wrote a book on Arcadia people. First printing was 1,300; second printing was 300. They also had photographic glass negatives, which were scanned. Alice had book made and Kevin Tremble printed it. Extra copies are stored in room at Davis-Johnson Park. Rita has talked to Professor Ann Gordon regarding glass negatives of Elizabeth Cady Stanton House. Those validate the whole project.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made and passed by all present.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Deborah L. Alvarez
Secretary/Transcriber

MINUTES APPROVED MAY 5, 2016

DAVID WALL ABSTAINED ON APPROVAL.