



THPC Minutes of May 5, 2011

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, Rita Heller, Don Merino, Karen Neus, Mario Turchi,
Excused: Paul Stefanowicz Resigned: Janice Jacobs

Approval of Minutes of April 7, 2011

Motion to accept minutes made by Don Merino; seconded by Rita Heller. So approved.

Members of the Public – No one from public here this evening.

Certificate of Appropriateness

1. 54 Magnolia Avenue – “Colver House” – applicants wish to replace existing cedar fence (with basket weave on top) with a newer cedar fence and to extend the fence for reasons of privacy. They also want to fix the roof and re-pave the driveway.

Dave said he likes the roof of this home. Asphalt driveway needs repairs; owner would like to put Belgian blocks for 10 feet and then rest of driveway have Belgian blocks only two inches high. Dave said the owner showed Dave several driveways that he liked. There are 4-5 homes in the Magnolia District that have this driveway. The man works from home and has many delivery trucks at his home. In regards to the driveway crossing the bluestone sidewalk, Mario

Said that while rebuilding his driveway, he ended up replacing the regular sidewalk bluestone with three inch thick bluestone so heavy trucks would not crack the sidewalk.

(At this point in the meeting, Planning Board Liaison Member Kevin Tremble joined the meeting.)

Kevin said on East Hill Court patterned concrete slabs had been installed to “match” the original blue stone sidewalk. Don said he has Belgian blocks at his home. Discussion followed regarding requirement of owner to put down three inches of stone, but there is the burden of cost. Magnolia District has areas where black asphalt goes over the sidewalks.

Karen said have T. R. Brown include a driveway design element in new ordinances. Discussion amongst members re: applicant providing photographs of their driveways. Mario drew a small schematic. Karen mentioned Matsuos’ house is one block away from this address. Mario said sidewalk is good border and break for apron.

Kevin said there was not enough information on the new roof, photos were provided though. Dave asked what Kevin would recommend. 300 pound dimensional shingles must be at least 200 pounds or greater. Dave said you don’t want color to stick out from house. Mario said if more dimensional, it looks more like a wooden roof.

Bergen County Awards – Thursday, May 26, 2011 – Church on the Green, Hackensack, NJ - 7 PM

1. Commendation Award for Preservation or Restoration Project: Maria and Mario Turchi’s home, Daniel Topping Atwood’s Design One House, Tenafly.
2. Commendation Award for Preservation Education: Alice Rigney’s book written with assistance from Paul Stefanowicz and Bob Fuller: Tenafly’s Unidentified Photographer.

Kevin said there would be a short program, 8-9 awards given out and some food at the Manse.

Solar Panels Installed by PSE&G

Dave spoke with David Hollenbeck and Frank Czigler of PSE&G and emailed them a list of historic and landmark homes, which should not get solar panels installed in front of the homes. Today PSE&G was installing panels. Dave said stop and went off to the Mayor. The law does require that they have a C/A.

Motion that THPC’s position on installation of solar panels on telephone poles be that none should be installed in historic districts or at historic homes or abutting areas without obtaining a Certificate of Appropriateness made by Don Merino; seconded by Rita Heller. So carried.

Informational

Chairman informed members that on Saturday, May 21 at the Hiram Blauvelt Mansion, there will be a lunch and speaker, Clifford Zink, costing \$35. Water Conservatory is sponsoring this. Kevin added Care one has purchased property for one of their retirement homes.

Dave said the Princeton seminar he attended was worthwhile. Members should be careful with emails that might concern matters coming before your Board. An email may be informational,

but don't include decision-making matters.

Mario emailed about Davis-Johnson Park gates being already ordered. HPC quote was twice what was budgeted. Order placed through Tenafly DPW. Don said tell DPW what a good job they did.

Frank Mottola is no longer with the Tenafly Buildings Department. Robert Burns has taken over that position.

Cell Poles

Dave said everything has been quiet about these poles. It is on the agenda for the May 16th Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting. Don asked did question of micro cells ever come up.

Band shell

Don said \$23,000 has been raised. The goal was originally \$21,000. Foundation lay on large stones. There will be reserved seating on grassy area for THPC members. The members are also welcome to march in the parade. Alice Rigney did get the brass band from high school. After dedication, everyone is invited to Elks for hot dogs. Don said it was a good committee and they all had a real desire to preserve the band shell.

Fundraiser - Trolley Tour Around Tenafly

Discussion about having a Trolley Tour of historic homes in the historic district. This could be a fund raiser. \$1,500 was raised at a brunch at the Clinton Inn.

Adding a New Member

Janice Jacobs, newly appointed, resigned due to a new job assignment. A replacement is needed.

Karen asked Dave if there were guidelines for approaching and considering a new member. Dave said someone familiar with building materials and renovations. Someone from the Magnolia Avenue District would be advantageous, or perhaps a good friend who would be an active member. Don said someone from the senior center who has time and an interest. Evelyn Comer, Bobby Thompson, and/or Jimmy Mosconi or Mrs. Mosconi might be interested. Mrs. Mosconi was the secretary of band shell renovation. Don will speak with Alice and Paul to see if they have any suggestions. Mario said perhaps a candidate is discouraged because they are only an alternate, although most alternates become members. Paul is an alternate and he votes when there is not a quorum present.

Miscellaneous

Kevin asked T.R. Brown not to include pictures of his barn in guidelines. Dave wrote a letter to THE Record's Editorial Page regarding the Zabriskie House in Paramus.

Motion made by Don Merino; seconded by Mario Turchi that THPC endorse Chairman Wall's writing a letter stating HPC's position against destruction of Zabriskie House in Paramus on Dunkerhook Road.

This sandstone house was a safe house and important in black history.

Cluster Guidelines

Discussion under C/A (1) that any changes or additions should applicant be required to take photographs of houses on both sides. Mario said just stand in front of your house and turn left or right or use Google Earth; (2) Please submit site survey, if needed.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Rita Heller; seconded by Dave Wall. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary