



THPC Minutes of September 16, 2010

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, Liz Shanks, Paul Stefanowicz, Mario Turchi

Minutes of July 8, 2010

Motion to accept minutes with deletion of Davis Johnson Park, line 3, regarding c/a made by Dave Wall; seconded by Rita Heller. So carried.

Outreach letter from THPC sent to Homeowners

Rita Heller, Karen Neus and Liz Shanks met three times preparing the letter regarding “a potential opportunity for you as the identified homeowner” of a historic home in Tenafly. It was sent out before Labor Day. As of this date 17 have been returned in that the addresses didn't match information provided by Tax Office & Finance Office. This letter was approved at the 8/3/10 work session of the Mayor & Council. Motion made by Dave Wall, seconded by Don Merino that letter be attached to Minutes of 9/16. It was noted that THPC now has their own email address, which is TENAFLYHPC@GMAIL.COM, “password is 100RIVEREDGE”. Karen said 3 people responded immediately wanting to know when is the meeting and yes, they would like **free** historical analysis of their home. Don said if it wasn't too difficult, could a link be added

that would contain ordinance. THPC now has list compiled as labels. Mario said letter was a soft sell to get homeowners interested in HPC. Karen said one woman didn't want automatic designation. Don said give them the information in the Bergen County Historic Sites Survey (1983).. Cost from T. Robins Brown for one background report is \$1,500.

Davis Johnson Park

Don reported that the Borough officials and the engineer for the Davis-Johnson Park renovation did not research any of the park's history. Don said he and Dave Wall explained to the Borough Engineer, Borough Administrator and Superintendent of DPW the role that the HPC should play for historic sites such as the D-J Park.

Of the four gates in the park, two are used more by the public than the others. They are 4x4 and 4x5 feet. Mayor & Council adopted new ordinance regarding replacement. Borough won't pay more than 20 percent above current bid. Don said he would try to solicit donations for the rest of any money needed for the replacements.

Dave said he tried to recommend more changes, like excluding pavers for rose garden. Borough Engineer should have met with THPC 8-10 months ago to get their input. Liz asked Don if they will now ask for input up front and not at end of decision-making. Don and Dave believed that they would. Kevin Tremble, Planning Board Liaison, always tried to get HPC included on memos from Building Office. Mario and Liz like teak because of its durability. Mario will look through catalogs and make suggestions to HPC.

2010 Preservation Gala

Dave asked if anyone wanted to attend the Gala in Rumson, NJ on September 23 from 6-10 PM. Cost is \$300. All said, "No."

Theodore Roosevelt Monument

Dave asked members if they knew who worked on the Monument. Someone should write an article and inform public that this monument is the only one dedicated to President Roosevelt as an ecologist. Dues to Theodore Roosevelt Association are \$35. Paul has some information, perhaps a group article could be written. Don asked TR Association for money towards repairing monument. He will email magazine.

Budget

Rita said Tenafly budget was approved in July. She wants to hire T. Robins Brown to write historic reports. Budget cut 26 percent for THPC. T.R. Brown - \$2,000, amount cut \$500 from \$2,500. \$1348 for printing. Dave wrote to T.R. Brown for breakdown of expenses as owner at 170 Thatcher Road wants designation. **Motion made by Don Merino to give Chairman Wall authority to hire T.R. Brown to do historic report for 170 Thatcher Road, not to exceed \$1,500; seconded by Mario Turchi. So carried.**

Dave does not want to spend money on a historic report of a home that owner doesn't want designation. Dave said a woman was coming to meeting. Her home has been signed over to her three children. The children want house designated. Dave wants a letter from them requesting designation.

11 Knoll Road – T.R. Brown owed encumbered money. She visited the home three times, but the people didn't want her in the house. Paul said T.R. Brown did as much as she could. No bill has been sent to THPC.

Miscellaneous

Mario is designing a new letterhead for THPC. Dave would like a blue sign denoting historical home placed at Sickels-Melbourne House. Cost is about \$3,000. Mario suggested selecting other homes for signage, and perhaps owner would pay one-half of the cost. Dave asked if precedence was set by getting blue sign for Westervelt House. Dave asked who would take on this project. Paul asked if Sickels-Melbourne House is Town or Bergen County Historic. Karen will email Janet Strom, Bergen County Historical Cultural Affairs, re: signs and how do we acquire signs. Don said Sickels- Melbourne House should be number one and Jellison House number two. Dave said County doesn't pay for signs. Dave asked if next year THPC wants to have available information for owners.

\$1,000 encumbered from 2009 monies for Janet Talley from last year has not been spent. Mario said use that amount to start process re: signs. Rita said monies encumbered for one purpose cannot be transferred to another expense. Dave said (1) let money expire or (2) please satisfy what Planning Board wants from THPC.

Kevin said there is a subcommittee from Planning Board (Examination Committee) still working on Master Plan.

Rita said when T.R. Brown sends bill; HPC will know what's left.

74 Magnolia requested a 9 PM time slot at this evening's meeting, but did not appear before HPC. They filed for a C/A last year, which Dave granted with condition he remove Rubbermaid sheds. Now there is a woodpile and one shed.

Everyone discussed trees planted at **72 Magnolia**. Entire front yard is now pavers. Town planted trees, owners planted 2 Cyprus. Karen said flagstone issue should have been addressed, too many pavers. Dave said THPC could force them to get rid of Cyprus trees. Mario asked when did they do the pavers.

Dave asked members to look at **72 Magnolia** before October 7th meeting, he'd like to attempt to make them remove trees.

35 Knoll – Henry Collins House – 1920's - this is a project being looked into by Karen and Rita. Owners want a historic report; question is who will write it. Dave passed around information. Alice Rigney says prior owner – Sites family – had a Canadian General in their background. The people moved to Englewood and built a bigger home. That home was torn down to make room for Eddie Murphy's house.

Huyler Park Bandstand

Liz spoke about Phase II and horrible cinderblock. She spoke with DPW Superintendent Beutel regarding position of crèche. Liz asked Mr. Beutel did he know there was plan to make it look like 1920's based on a study titled "Remains of the Day" researched by Alice Rigney with rendered schematics facilitated by Carl Passera, Sr. of the original bandstand. Liz gave Mr. Beutel photographs. Mr. Beutel's men would do some work to cut down on cost of Carl

Passera, Jr. Alice and Liz would like HPC to get behind plan, even though it is not yet fully designated under the ordinance. Plan is to do it exactly as it appears in photos of 20-30's.

Motion made by Liz Shanks to support Historian Alice Rigney's efforts to have bandstand restored to original design and view of historic railroad station maintained; seconded by Don Merino. So carried.

Adjourned at 9:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Alvarez, Secretary