



THPC Minutes of November 4, 2010

Chairman David Wall called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, Paul Stefanowicz, Mario Turchi,
Excused: Liz Shanks

Acceptance of Minutes of October 7, 2010

Motion to accept Minutes of October 7, 2010 made by Chairman Wall; seconded by R. Heller. So carried.

Opening Meeting to Members of the Public

Motion to open meeting to members of the public made by Chairman Wall; seconded by D. Merino. So carried.

Tenafly Borough Historian Alice Rigney spoke about restoration of Grandstand/Bandstand in Huyler Park. It is hoped to find and/or raise \$11,300 from members of the public or ask local banks to contribute to the restoration. The foundation will be kept basic per the plans Alice did in 1996. Some of the present Tenafly councilmen are all for the restoration, question is regarding the funds and who will raise the money. Alice said they are working on grants and money is left over from the Roosevelt Monument Project. Paul Keyes is architect. Karen asked

what is next step regarding bandstand? Mayor & Council will put something in the February 2011 newsletter regarding finding the funds. Karen and Alice said it would be nice if restoration could be done by Memorial Day 2011. Every Mayor of Tenafly in the last 100 years has stood on the Grandstand.

It was mentioned that Alice's home is a pre-revolutionary home brought from Rockland County to Tenafly.

Browning Cottage Home – 170 Thatcher Road, Carol Klein and daughter, Alison Nagasui, came to the meeting in response to letter sent to homeowners in August regarding the possibility of them having their homes researched as to “a historic home in Tenafly”. They met with Dave concerning designation as a landmark. Dave read Carol's letter regarding her desire that her home at 170 Thatcher Road be fully designated as an historic landmark. The house is pictured and discussed in Robert Guter's and Janet Foster's “**Building By The Book**”. Mr. Browning, President of Northern Railroad in New Jersey, has a street, school, and condominiums named after him. Carol's house is the only remaining structure from the estate. In 1982-1983, T. Robin Brown wrote survey and Carol's house was discussed as “workman's cottage.” Mr. Woodward was the architect. Dave asked about her art studio in the home. Carol paints for pleasure, was formerly a textile designer and now does collage and abstract. Mario said he owns The Pond House, which was designed by Atwood; Kevin Tremble – Westervelt House; Karen Neus – Jellison House. Don said THPC hires T. R. Brown, historic architect, to do a report on the house, which is required by law. The caretaker's wife was the first librarian in Tenafly. Paul, Assistant Borough Historian, and Don spoke about the area, how each time T. R. Brown does a report on a home, the treasure trove increases. Dave asked Carol when she would like T. R. Brown to begin the process. Carol and Alison said start now. Kevin Tremble talked about Atwood and Woodward publishing design books.

Dave Wall made motion Mayor & Council deem home at 170 Thatcher Road a historic landmark; 2nd by Paul Stefanowicz. So carried.

Gates at Davis-Johnson Park – Mario sent THPC drawings, and was very specific with plans to be sent to Borough Engineer. The challenge is existing hardware on walls, it doesn't make sense. The catch on stone wall might have to be moved. Dave is going to urge Mayor & Council that the gates be made of teak. Carol and Alison have volunteered to add some decoration to gates. Dave asked Mario what is cost. Mario said Borough Engineer has only to email drawings to selected carpenter. Karen suggested Eric Wickey, a carpenter in town, whose work is excellent. Kevin said work would be way under threshold, two gates and installation would be 2-\$4,000.

November 10, 2010 meeting – Crossroads of America – Their meeting is in Old Barracks Fortification in Trenton, New Jersey. Dave recommended members try to attend. The Old Barracks go back to Revolutionary & French-American Wars. Kevin is President of the group.

Cell phone Tower – Consultant Mary Ann Walsh is putting a balloon up 120' so residents can see how high tower will be. Members decided week of 12/6 to 12/10, when leaves are off of the trees. THPC should be one to notify T. R. Brown of choice of dates, what criteria you use to determine height of balloons. Don will send T.R. Brown an email asking what design you are considering. Tower also be at a height of 75' instead of 120'.

Miscellaneous – THPC members discussed destruction of trees. There is no Shade Tree Commission in Tenafly.

Budget – Rita said T.R. Brown put in two invoices today: #35 Knoll @ \$600 and #27 N. Brae @ \$675. There will be a balance of \$3,000.

1. **Motion by Dave Wall to award T.R. Brown contract to do full report for 35 Knoll; seconded by Karen Neus. So carried.**
2. **Motion by Dave Wall to allot \$1,500 to pay for designation report from T.R. Brown from 2010 budget for 170 Thatcher Road; seconded by Karen Neus. So carried.**

Karen noted that the house at 27 N. Brae has been subject to fairly recent renovations which have changed the façade significantly and thus altered its historic integrity. However, the property contains an old cold cellar that is a remnant of the dairy that used to be in the area, so she would recommend that TR Brown focus her mini-report less on the house and more on the development of the North Brae district and its history. Dave asked if THPC would be renegeing on letter sent to homeowners.

3. **11 Knoll Road - \$1,559 encumbered from 2009. Motion made by Dave Wall this bill be paid from 2009 budget; seconded by Don Merino. So carried.**
4. **Motion by Karen Neus to approve T.R. Brown to do a proposal to do reports on 35 Knoll and 27 N. Brae at a cost of \$1,275; seconded by Don Merino. So carried.**

\$3,000 is for beefing up ordinance report. Dave will contact T. R. Brown re: ordinance guidelines report following that of Borough of Closter. Don said next should be update to web site similar to Closter's. Tabs: doors – windows – roofs – Closter got a grant from State of New Jersey for the web site.

Rita said THPC needs to have bill before 2010, need to encumber on the bills THPC has in December. T.R. Brown should: 1 - get copy of Closter's ordinance, get feedback and recommendations from her; 2 – Make up ordinance and show to Mr. McClure, Esq.; 3 – get printing done if there is money left.

Motion made by Dave Wall that THPC conduct historic walking tour on November 9, 2010 of Mt. Carmel Cemetery for Tenafly Senior Center; seconded by Don Merino. So carried.

Rita said that the 2011 Budget will have line of \$2,200 to pay for the projected Bergen County Historic Marker. The 2010 budget was \$9,900 including secretary. Dave asked Rita what would be her list of projects for THPC in 2011.

1. Hire T. Robins Brown
2. Ordinance
3. Blue signs

Dave said he didn't think there was anything in the Bergen Matching Grants to apply for in 2011.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn made by Dave Wall; seconded by Don Merino. So carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:59 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah L. Alvarez, Secretary