

Marlboro Township Historic Preservation Advisory Commission

Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2017

I. Call to Order

Chairman Douglas Tilton called to order the regular meeting of the MARLBORO TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION ADVISORY COMMISSION at 7:00PM on August 8, 2016 at Town Hall, Room #2.

II. Roll Call

- a. The following members were present for the meeting: Douglas Tilton, Lynn Harold, Dorothy McCue, Bill Waple, Carol Cincotta, and Thom Healy.
- b. The following members were absent from the meeting: Jack Appel, Kathleen Guth, and Peter Cuttone.

III. Approval of Minutes from March 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting previously emailed by Secretary Appel on March 26th, 2017, were distributed for final review. The minutes of the meeting were accepted except as noted below in Corrections section.

IV. Corrections

- a. Township resident Walter Smyth was referenced as a “friend” of the Commission, however there is no such provision in Ordinance 2005-3 for this classification. Mr. Smyth is welcome to attend meetings, and participate in Citizen’s Voice.
- b. Member Bill Waple requested it be noted that he takes exception to the word “unanimous” in reference to the Cover Letter submitted with the Commission’s Report regarding the demolition request for 42 Vanderburg Road. As Mr. Waple and Ms. McCue were not present for the vote, it is noted that ‘unanimous’ only refers to the seven (7) members that were present at the March 2017 meeting. Mr. Waple later stated his opposition to the preservation project, as he felt it was unfair to the property owner/builder to tie them up for any length of time.
- c. Member Bill Waple requested it be noted that he takes exception to the words ‘vehemently opposes’ in reference to the Cover Letter submitted with the Commission’s Report regarding the demolition request for 42 Vanderburg Road.

V. Citizen’s Voice

No one from the Public was present to speak.

VI. Chairman’s Report

- a. Chairman Tilton provided an update on the Municipal Budget.

- b. The Chairman stated that on March 15, 2017, twenty (20) copies of the Commission's report regarding the demolition request of 42 Vanderburg Road had been submitted and distributed to the Business Administrator, Zoning, Planning, and the Town Council.

VII. Old Business

- a. Approximately 24 dinosaur-themed t-shirts previously procured by the Historic Commission have been offered to the Recreation Department, but due to the small quantity, the Administration Department will use them in other programs as give-aways. The t-shirts have been in storage in the town's Pole Barn. The Commission has no use for these shirts, which were left-over from an event many years ago. There are other items that may also be offered, including refrigerator magnets, and sketch books.
- b. The list of 18 historic signs had been previously provided to DPW in July 2016, who had offered to inspect and make repairs/paint them as needed. It is unknown if this was ever done.

VIII. New Business

- a. A number of historic photographs with captions, previously removed from Town Hall, have been reconditioned and are ready to be remounted. The Commission will need permission to reinstall the photos in Town Hall, and is in need of wall space approximately ten (10) feet in width. The preference would be to install the photos some place near the Tax Office.
- b. Member Bill Waple asked if the Historic Commission would offer to purchase a permanent artificial wreath to be used at the Veterans and Memorial Day parades. Member Carol Cincotta suggested that the Economic Development Committee ("EDC") might be able to help with the procurement and/or deferral of cost. She will provide status of her findings at the next Commission meeting.
- c. Chairman Tilton was asked to investigate a property at 8 Dugans Lane. The current owner inherited the property and has filed a Request for Demolition. The property is listed on the Town's Historic Database as the Nemeth House.
- d. Chairman Tilton was asked to investigate a property at 7 Orchard Place, Marlboro. The current owner has received a variance and intends to establish a business on the property. The property is not listed on the Town's Historic Database.

IX. Committee Reports

History Book

- a. Chairman Tilton asked that all attempts be made to complete the revised Marlboro History Book by October 2017, or risk losing funding.
- b. Chairman Tilton asked to include the following new sections in the book:
 - i. A biography on Elmer Hendrickson Geran, a notable Marlboro resident (October 24, 1875 – January 12, 1954). He was an American Democratic Party politician who

represented New Jersey's 3rd congressional district from 1925 to 1927. Mr. Geran's family home, Glengeran on Texas Road in Morganville is also listed on the Town's Historic database

- ii. A biography and history of Chief Joseph Walker, Marlboro's first Chief of Police, and for whom the town's Police Department building is named.

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm. The next Historic Commission meeting will be May 8, 2017 at 7:00pm.