

In Attendance:

Members: Pauline Serafin, Barbara Sageser, Frances Gavigan, Jennifer Floyd, Pam McGovern, Mary Van Horn

Secretary: Christine Rosikiewicz

Absent: Kathy Cannelongo, David Harding, Paul Sterchele, Peg Sullivan, Jim Davidson (Historian).

Statement of Compliance:

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, this meeting was advertised as a reorganization meeting in the December 20, 2012 issue of the Hunterdon County Democrat. Notice of the meeting filed with the Township Clerk, posted on the Township bulletin board and sent to the Hunterdon County Democrat, the Trenton Times, and the Star Ledger on January 17, 2013.

Christine Rosikiewicz chaired the Re-organization meeting and called the meeting to order at 7:37p.m.

Election of Chair: F. Gavigan moved to nominate Barbara Sageser for Chair, second by Pauline Serafin. No further nominations were made. Ms. Van Horn commented on the "stellar job" Ms. Sageser did as Chair last year. Motion carried.

Barbara Sageser chaired the rest of the meeting.

Election of Vice-Chair: J. Floyd nominated Pam McGovern for Vice-Chair. Pam McGovern said she did not want to take the position. J. Floyd rescinded her nomination. Mary Van Horn moved to nominate Jennie Floyd for Vice-Chair, second by Frances Gavigan. All were in favor; motion carried.

Approval of Minutes, December 18, 2012:

The following edits were noted in the December 18, 2012 minutes: on page 3 under "Next Meeting" "Cape Survey" should read "CAPES Survey" and the third paragraph should be deleted. J. Floyd made a motion to approve the December 18, 2012 minutes with the edits as noted; P. Serafin seconded the motion. All were in favor; the motion passed.

Open to Public:

M. Van Horn made a motion to open the meeting to the public; P. Serafin seconded the motion. All were in favor, the motion carried.

Mr. David Deutsch was in attendance; he had also attended the meeting in December. He explained that Brian Neuls couldn't attend the meeting tonight. Together Mr. Deutsch and Mr. Neuls are creating a television show about the role small towns have playing in shaping American history. Mr. Deutsch grew up in East Amwell. He spoke of the amazing history in the Township that people are not aware of. Filming will begin in East Amwell in February; next they will then move on to Plumstead, PA. Mr. Deutsch and the Committee briefly discussed local history. He thanked the Committee for having him. The Committee thanked Mr. Deutsch for coming to the meeting.

Being no further comments from the public J. Floyd made a motion to close the meeting to the public; P. McGovern seconded it. All were in favor; the meeting was closed to the public.

Old Business:

1. Requisition for Conservation Supplies

B. Sageser submitted a requisition today for the clamshell boxes to archive Dr. Larison's collection.

2. Clawson House

B. Sageser reported that she will follow up on the repairs to be completed at the Clawson House.

3. Planning Board Goals

F. Gavigan reported that she attended the Planning Board meeting; the Planning Board is working on their 2013 goals including the inventory, demolition ordinance, standards for the Amwell Valley Zone, and redoing the Master Plan. A subcommittee has been formed to work on the Master Plan and these projects; there may be opportunities to work with them on this.

B. Sageser said the Committee will work on goals next month. Last year the beginning of the year was spent working with the Planning Board on the solar and demolition ordinances; in the second part of the year time was spent on the bus tours which were successful. There was no Design Award program last year; it needs to be determined if there will be one this year. P. Sullivan said the County Tricentennial should be added to the 2013 goals. B. Sageser suggested a contest be held at the school. F. Gavigan volunteered to be the Township delegate to the County for the Tricentennial.

B. Sageser spoke of a recent trip to the Library of Congress where she learned of an oral history project where individuals could document oral histories of veterans. These interviews are submitted and become a part of the Library of Congress. The Committee discussed this item and the possibility that oral history could be taken from Township veterans.

B. Sageser asked if the Committee would consider hosting any tours in the upcoming year; either repeating the same ones or hosting a graveyard tour.

New Business:

1. GreenFest 2013

F. Gavigan explained that GreenFest is a forum that FOSPC is hosting on March 16th to promote, encourage and educate residents about land preservation and environmental protection. Various groups have been invited to set up tables with information.

Correspondence:

1. Letter from SHPO

B. Sageser reported that she received a letter from SPHO regarding the Clawson House Rehabilitation. She is awaiting the County's response to the letter. The Committee briefly discussed the Hardiplank siding; the architect's opinion will be sought.

Bills of the Evening:

There were no bills of the evening.

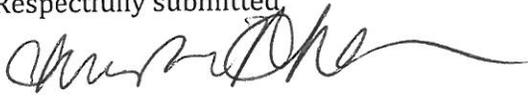
Next Meeting:

The next meeting is February 26, 2013. F. Gavigan noted that she cannot attend.

Adjournment:

J. Floyd made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gavigan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:35p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Christine A. Rosikiewicz
Historic Preservation Secretary