

Delaware Township Historical Advisory Committee
Minutes - May 12, 2021 7:00PM
Sergeantsville, NJ

Attendance: Nancy Bond (secretary), Marilyn Cummings, Bob Chamberlain, Liza Davis (chair), Tim Davis (v-chair), Chuck Taylor

Absent: Michael Cuba, Advisor; Marfy Goodspeed, Advisor; Virginia Gifford, Alan Johnson

Visitors: Bob Leith, Chuck Kline, Ray Simonds

Approval of March 10, 2021 minutes: approved unanimously (TD,CT)

Officer Reports

Chairperson Liza Davis - Valerie Leeds has resigned from the committee.

Vice-chairperson Tim Davis - Reading School: Hot air ducts have been removed from the basement. Tony [Szwed] has been mowing as a donation. We are looking for donations.

Secretary Nancy Bond - no report

Recent Initiatives

DTHAC Mission Statement - Discussed our mission statement.

Ongoing Initiatives

- Holcombe House, Saxtonville Tavern - no activity to report
- Reading School - V Chair reported, above
- County Engineering report - Bob Chamberlain - the county Engineering Dept (Luke Bonham) reported damage to historic keystone arch bridge #D379 on Yard Road. Bob asked about the repairs and if the county planned to contact the NJ Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). Bonham stated that the repairs are going to be done in-kind, and will not affect the bridge. There are no plans to contact the SHPO.
- Planning board budget process - I [Nancy Bond] will contact the Planning Board to ask about use of Open Space funds for cemeteries
- Informational pamphlet? Suggestions . . . Follow up in June or July with TC and/or PB budget
- Cemetery presentation - Marilyn did a presentation of the 30 cemeteries in Delaware Township. She has researched the locations with Bob Leith of the County Historical Society. Marilyn did a slide show of the locations on the new large screen. We saw each location from a sky view and the road information was included. A hand out included the street addresses. They are proposing that the Township obtain title to the most vulnerable on the list. The mapping website is: www.historymapping.org

New Business

Suggestions for new initiatives

Adjournment 9:20 pm

Next meeting: June 9, 2021, 7:00PM

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