

NHTWP Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

February 12, 2024

6:27 PM Call to Order. The NTHC had a quorum.

Members Present: Steve Arty, Chair
Jim Finegan, Vice-Chair
Gus Gregori
Eric Ebert
Greg Beatty

Archivist Kristi Chase, acting as secretary, present.

Guests: Jim Briggs, Linda Manzo, Jordan Succi, and Tim U'Selis

NTHC member Melissa Foulke was not in attendance. Due to the number of guests in attendance and new Commission members, Chair Arty had everyone introduce themselves. Arty also allowed guests to comment before the Commission addressed other agenda items.

Linda Manzo brought up that she owns Cornell Manor and was looking into ways that her restored residence could contribute to the community through tours and events. She distributed a brochure on the property. Arty noted that Manzo had reached out to Arty prior to the meeting and both had reached out to Township Planning & Zoning Director Mike Solomon regarding the property. The concern is the property is zoned as residential. Arty suggested Manzo reach out to a lawyer and Solomon if she wanted to pursue possibilities.

The Commission then moved onto the agenda. The minutes of the June 2023 and January 2024 meetings were approved. Motion by Finegan. Seconded by Beatty. Approved 5-0 Vote.

The yearly officer elections were held:

For Chair, Finegan motioned to appoint Arty. Beatty seconded. Approved 5-0 vote.

For Vice-Chair, Arty motioned to appoint Finegan. Beatty seconded. Approved 5-0 vote.

For Secretary, Beatty motioned to nominate himself and Finegan seconded. Approved 5-0 vote.

Arty addressed the 2024 meeting calendar and noted that meetings in 2024 are starting ½ hour earlier and if any members can't attend the meetings to notify the Chair or Vice-Chair. Arty then discussed future project items.

Arty made a motion to send a letter to the Board of Supervisors by March with a list of priorities for the township regarding township-owned Addisville Cemetery and the Feaster-Van Horn Cemetery, signs for the cemeteries, historic survey update, time capsule, family Saturdays, updated history publication, and the banners. Gregori seconded. Approved 5-0 vote.

Finegan suggested the Archivist reach out to township heads to see if they would want to display one or two of the nine 300th anniversary banners on a monthly basis to widen awareness of the community. Beatty suggested reaching out to the local school district as well. Arty motioned, Finegan seconded. Approved 5-0 vote.

The archivist summarized the January report. On the item of partnering with local businesses to sell booklets and prints, Arty made a motion for the approval of moving on this idea and Finegan seconded. Approved 5-0 vote. Beatty suggested reaching out to businesses in Doylestown as well.

Motion to adjourn at 7:44 PM by the Chairman. Seconded by Finegan. Approved 5 - 0 vote.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 11, 2024.