

**MINUTES
OF THE
CRANBURY TOWNSHIP
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
CRANBURY, NEW JERSEY
MIDDLESEX COUNTY**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

A scheduled meeting of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held in Town Hall, Cranbury, New Jersey, on May 16, 2017 beginning at 7:30 pm.

STATEMENT OF ADEQUATE NOTICE

Pursuant to the Sunshine Law, adequate notice in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-5) was provided on December 5, 2016, of this meeting's date, time, place and an agenda was mailed to the news media, posted on the Township bulletin board, mailed to those requesting personal notice and filed with the Municipal Clerk.

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Mr. Szabo, HPC Chair, called the meeting to order. Ms. Golisano, substituting and performing as recording secretary.

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Banks (arrived 7:31pm), Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 2, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved with minor amendments. Motion to approve made by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Szabo, all in favor.

APPLICATIONS

22 North Main Street; (B32,L12) within the HD, Classified C: application was received on May 8, 2017 for replacement of all exterior lamp fixtures on the funeral parlor building, rear lantern/lamp post, and free standing barn located in the back lot. Ms. Dawn Selover and Ms. Kimberly Saul-Bowne were present. Two lamp styles examples were submitted with the application. The preference is the Morgan Park style, pendant and scone style. LED bulbs will be used with a caution that the lumen not be too bright. HPC questioned why the fixtures were being replaced. Applicants responded that the current fixtures are old, the glass does not clean up very well anymore and some of the fixtures are pitted. HPC agreed that replacing the fixtures using the same style will be an improvement and add cohesiveness.

HPC asked about the front entrance lantern/lamp on the post. File photos dated 1989 show the lamp. The desire is to remove the current lamp, donate it to the Cranbury Preservation and Historical Society (CHPS) and replace it with a matching lamp as approved by HPC for the structures. Since it is in working order, HPC questioned if the post, which is leaning, could be replaced. HPC explained that they are tasked with maintaining the street scape and this lamp has been a part of the street scape for many years. HPC's preference is that the lamp/lantern remain but would like to know more about it. They do not want to be hasty with a decision and suggested the owners inquire with CHPS, should the lamp be donated, would they be interested in it; research if the lantern/lamp has historical significance; perhaps rewire and investigate a more fitting bulb or insert a glass hurricane globe as pictured in a file photo dated 1989. HPC stated the replacement post may be of a sub-strate material with same turned style.

HPC reviewed the proposed work to replace the paved driveway area, as written on the application, and deemed it as ordinary maintenance.

A motion to approve the exterior mounted lamp fixtures, including the rear post lantern, (Morgan Park), was made by Mr. Banks, seconded by Ms. Ryan. Roll call: AYES; Mr. Banks, Ms. Marlowe, Ms. Ryan, Mr. Szabo, and Mr. Walsh.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

DISCUSSION

2016 CLG Grant and Photographing properties: Mr. Walsh is aware of professional photographers who do field testing using high end cameras and the possibility they may be available to aid with photographing structures for the upcoming inventory. Mr. Szabo stated that the specifications, documentation, angles of the structures and timing are considerations when photographing, which will be made available to him at an upcoming meeting. Mr. Walsh will keep HPC abreast.

Mr. Szabo and Ms. Scott will cross reference the 109 properties with the 1989 Heritage Studies. Richard Grubb & Associates will be meeting with them soon.

82 North Main Street (B29, L7) update: secretary emailed contractor asking about progress of front porch steps and update regarding ordinary maintenance that is currently taking place. Mr. Szabo responded to an email received from the owner requesting that the front porch stairs be removed from the application. Window trim is being proposed for installation on all windows since the aluminum siding has been removed. This application will be reviewed at the June 6th HPC meeting.

14 North Main Street (B32,L13) has been sold and receiving attention. The animal chewed trim and mouldings have been replaced with like materials and painted. Shrubs have been removed, which exposed the porch footings. The property is looking better with each completed task.

June 7th, Building a Place History: 50th Anniversary; Ms. Ryan will attend the “Look, Up in the Sky! Perth Amboy’s Terrific Terra Cotta” tour.

June 10th-Paterson Falls Historic Walking Tour is another opportunity for HPC to attend.

Financial Disclosure Forms are due at the end of the month. Penalties will be imposed. If you need assistance, please contact Ms. Golisano for help.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

There being no further business, a motion duly made by Ms. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Szabo, and carried, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I, undersigned, do hereby certify;

That I am the duly appointed secretary of the Cranbury Township Historic Preservation Commission and,

That the foregoing minutes of the Historic Preservation Commission, held on May 16, 2017 consisting of 2 pages, constitute a true and correct copy of the minutes of the said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name on this 6th day of June 2017.

Jean Golisano substituting for
Linda M. Scott, Recording Secretary