



Meeting of the Plymouth Township Historic District Commission Approved Minutes

Thursday, June 22, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Next Meeting date August 24, 2023

1) CALL TO ORDER AT 7:04 PM

a) Roll Call

Present:

- Carol Souchock
- Ben Eikey
- Sybil Hunter
- Wendy Harless, Chair
- Colleen Azimi

Excused: Steven Bassett
Dennis Cebulski

2) APPROVAL OF THE June 22, 2023 CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by S. Hunter and supported by B. Eikey to approve the Consent Agenda of the Historic District Commission for the meeting of June 22, 2023.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the April 27, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Moved by C. Azimi and supported by S. Hunter to approve the April 27, 2023, meeting minutes with amendments.

All Ayes

Motion Passed

4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

- C. Souchock mentioned that the Plymouth Rotary Club 100-year anniversary is approaching and that the Plymouth Historical Museum is working on an exhibition about the club. Also being worked on is a book featuring the annual Rotary barbecue, which will also feature other groups that serve food at the annual Fall Festival.
- B. Eikey inquired if anyone from Rotary would be able to be featured on a podcast episode to talk about the history of the club.

5) PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Ann McLaren, the chair of the Environmental Leadership Commission (ELC) shared that she is interested in the Centennial Committee and will return to the August meeting for the

committee. She also indicated there were many areas that collaboration could occur with the Historic District Commission (HDC) and the ELC.

6) NEW BUSINESS

No new business

7) OLD BUSINESS

a) Podcast updates — *Ben Eikey*

B. Eikey shared that the introduction episode of the podcast would be best accomplished between June and August, with no recording day scheduled yet. The first episode will serve as an introduction to the Historic District Commission but may also discuss the Salem Train Wreck of 1907. Podcast questions are currently being worked on. C. Souchock added that the podcast could be promoted in the Township newsletter. W. Harless brought up the idea of interviewing and working with the surrounding communities to find records on the Salem Train Wreck and added the idea of constructing a monument.

b) Shearer Cemetery — *Wendy Harless*

1. Summer clean-up date Sunday, July 16th. It is a Sunday, so we will need to do it later in the day if we want to park at the church.

W. Harless thanked those who came to help with the previous cleanup and stated that she ended up with a hoe someone brought with them. Volunteers have permission to park in the church lot outside of church hours. The next clean-up date will be July 16th and will run from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

2. Cemetery boundaries and trillium

Various supplies were left on the cemetery side of the fence, which the ordinance officer confirmed was still the homeowner's property. These supplies are located near White Blossom Trillium flowers, which are not a protected species. The cleanup efforts will be on the cemetery side of the property line.

c) Triangle Park marker — *Wendy Harless*

1. Review of the latest design proof.

The Commission reviewed the design and wording of the latest design of the Triangle Park Marker and discussed the history of the Plymouth Colony Farms.

2. We still need an image of a native person from the period of around 1790- early 1800s.

W. Harless stated that side 1 is still missing an image of a Native American from tribe that resided in this area. C. Azimi inquired if the tribe had been contacted yet, and S. Hunter confirmed that they had. The response from the tribe has been

delayed due to exigent circumstances. The Commission discussed other tribes that could also be represented and different types of images that could be displayed.

3. Added info about Colony Farm and their barn.

Additional identifications of people in the photos are in the process of being tracked down.

d) Planning for the 200th Anniversary — *Wendy Harless*

- a. Supervisor Heise will be at the next meeting, August 24th, at 7 pm at Township Hall. The HDC was encouraged to invite people to this meeting.

W. Harless stated that the supervisor is responsible for appointing members of the planning committee, with confirmation from the Board of Trustees.

- b. Who has been invited to join the planning committee?

Not applicable

- c. Who has accepted?

Not applicable

- d. Should we produce a book to highlight businesses and structures that have existed for at least (how many years?) —*discuss*

W. Harless stated that Dennis Cebulski had the idea to publish a booklet talking about long-term businesses and families within the community. The Commission will start brainstorming parameters to qualify for being in the book, and businesses that may meet them.

e) Any new Plymouth historic facts for the Township newsletter?

1. Present ideas

- W. Harless brought up the idea of discussing the history of Colony Farms, highlighting awards and fabrics.
- W. Harless discussed talking about the Root Barn.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Eikey and supported by C. Azimi to adjourn the Historic District Commission at 7:58 p.m.

All Ayes

Wendy Harless

Wendy Harless, Chair
Historic District Commission