



Plymouth Township Historic District Commission
Thursday, June 27, 2024, 7:00 PM
Proposed Minutes

Next Meeting date August 22, 2024, 7:00 PM

Swearing in of Colleen Azimi as a Commissioner by Clerk Vorva.

1) CALL TO ORDER 7:05 PM

a) Roll Call

Present:

- Sybil Hunter
- Wendy Harless, Chair
- Steven Bassett
- Dennis Cebulski
- Colleen Azimi
- Carol Souchock – arrived at 7:12 and was sworn in by Deputy Clerk Jefferson at 7: 20

Also present: Laura Simpson, Recording Secretary
Maya Baker, Planner

Excused: Ben Eikey

2) APPROVAL Of THE June 27, 2024, CONSENT AGENDA

Moved by D. Cebulski and Supported by S. Bassett to approve the Consent Agenda of the Historic District Commission for the meeting of June 24, 2024.

All Ayes of Those Present

Motion Passed.

3) ENACTMENT OF THE CONSENT AGENDA – April 25, 2024, MEETING MINUTES

Moved by C. Azimi and Supported by S. Bassett to approve the April 25, 2024, Meeting Minutes of the Historic District Commission.

All Ayes of Those Present

Motion Passed.

4) BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

C. Souchock suggested putting up a historical sign up at Phoenix Mill, using the historical information, which was recently researched, and noted original sources must be used. She asked if the HDC (Historical District Commission) could apply to the Margaret Dunning Foundation to fund the sign, once a pricing estimate can be obtained. Cleaning up the current “Auto Heritage” sign located on Hines Drive was also suggested. She indicated that she would contact Mr. Donofrio from Phoenix Mill for approval of the Historical Sign. She noted that there is a large collection of information at the Plymouth Historical Museum as it pertains to Women at the Phoenix Mil during WWII.



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5) PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

6) NEW BUSINESS

No new business

7) OLD BUSINESS

a) Our new Google email group -- *Dennis Cebulski*

D. Cebulski noted that he would send out a new test message and will add Wendy Harless as Manager/Owner of the group, but he would remain as a back-up manager.

b) 200th Anniversary—*Wendy Harless*

W. Harless asked the Commissioners for more ideas not currently on the Anniversary Highlight list. Some ideas were Bird House, Farwell House, Colony Farms, Tibidor Balogh House, St. John Resort, Tibbitts Home, McClumpha Park, Miller Woods, the Peacock House, the Interurban, Governor Swinson election, Plymouth Plank Road, and the Rockwell Sculptures. She requested each commissioner take a few off the list to research, date, and find or take photographs of in preparation for creating a timeline for the 200th Anniversary in 2027.

c) Shearer Cemetery—*Wendy Harless*

W. Harless and Commissioners set a date for Fall clean-up of September 28, 2024, at 10:00 and she said she would check with the church about parking in their lot. She also noted there would be a second reading on the new policy for returning gravestones. Everyone agreed that a small sign in the cemetery with instructions to call the Township if a gravestone is found, would be beneficial. Removing the bench was suggested, as it is deteriorating. She indicated that she hopes the State will be coming back with their new equipment to positively identify grave sites.

d) Triangle Park Marker/Golfview Park –*Wendy Harless*

W. Harless shared that the marker is complete and will be installed either August 10, 2024, or August 17, 2024. The commission will need to plan a dedication with special guests invited, refreshments, a posting in the July newsletter, and a press release. She noted that she would ask if the Township could pay for refreshments for this Public Event, provide a few tables, and a pop-up tent.

e) Salem Train Wreck Historic Marker—*Wendy Harless*



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W. Harless indicated there is a lot of information available and suggested the newspapers as an original source which could be used. Ideas were presented to reach out to Northville Township or Joe Oldenberg, Historian, about working on a project together, as the wreck occurred in Northville Township.

- f) Update on the American World War II Heritage Cities nomination—Event
Notification of the winning City or Township will take a few months. W. Harless read the letter which was submitted by Debbie Dingell’s office on the Township’s behalf to the National Park Service. It was a very nice, supportive letter. If Plymouth Township is selected, an event showcasing the role of women in Plymouth in support of the WWII effort, specifically at Phoenix Mill, was suggested. Several dates in March were presented, which might allow for more availability in reserving space at Phoenix Mills. A press release would need to be created as soon as a winner is announced, and the Township Supervisor and Phoenix Mill contacted for possible dates of an event.
- g) New Plymouth historic facts for the Township newsletter
Some ideas from the new brochure were suggested for the newsletter. D. Cebulski had some articles on Plymouth Township history, but W. Harless noted the next newsletter should highlight the dedication of the Triangle Park Marker in August.

8) ADJOURNMENT

Moved by D. Cebulski and supported by C. Souchock to adjourn the Historic District Commission at 8:22 PM
All Ayes
Motion Passed.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend all meetings of the Historic District Commission of the Charter Township of Plymouth.