

WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC COMMISSION and WARRINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES OF EACH MEETING – April 8, 2013

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Historic Commission and Warrington Historical Society was held jointly on April 8, 2013 7:00 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976.

Attendance

Commission Members: Gwyn Walton – Chairperson, Carol Lee Vosteen*- Vice Chairperson; Stuart Cohen*, member

Society Members: Mary Doyle Roth - President, Ken Samen – Vice President; Donna Sempowski, Scott Yates - Treasurer

Guests: Shirley Yannich, Supervisor; Kaitey Hallowell, Girl Scout, Sue Murphy; Ivy Ross, Vice Chair, Environmental Advisory Board, Matt Sempowski, Boy Scout

*Also Society members

7:10 PM Call to order



Warrington Township Historic Commission Minutes:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcomed Guests and Public Comment
 - a. Katie Hallowell presented a slide show update about her Girl Scout Gold Award project which is now completed; 2" of mulch was put down around the Wm Penn oak; the acorns have sprouted and should be ready mid-June for transplanting into a burlap bag; Katie will have a sapling sign-up sheet at Earth Day in exchange for a \$10.00 minimum tax deductible donation; tree saplings to be distributed in October at Warrington Days - they will come with an instruction tag and brochure ; the sign (by All American Signs) at the Wm Penn oak is graffiti proof and mounted on pressure treated wood, which will be

varnished in about a month; Katie provided 100 printed brochures about the Wm Penn oak to the Society with their logo on it for distribution and promotion - the brochure is copyrighted and additional copies can be purchased through Sir Speedy in Warminster; there may be Silver Award Girl Scout candidates who are likely to follow-up with other projects

- b. Matt Sempowski reported on his proposed Eagle Scout project at 10 Folly Road; he is awaiting Council approval and then he will set a date; Matt will consult with Ivy and Howard Ayres for plant recommendations; there should be no shrubbery around the base school house exterior; Gwyn to provide Howard Ayres contact info to Donna Sempowski
- c. Ivy Ross spoke about Earth Day on May 11 at Twin Oaks from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM; just show up and tasks will be assigned; Donna is going to contact troop 137; Donna has a neighbor interested in volunteering

3. Approval of Minutes - March 11, 2013

- a. Historic Commission Minutes were approved unanimously

4. Historic Homes List update - had a working session on April the 4th; Carol Lee shared the current top 20 houses; Ken's records are being used for reference; Jane Henderson may have some deeds; creating criteria and weight for each component to rank the properties in order of importance

5. Reminded members about April 10th Quarterly Open Space joint task force meeting

6. Carol Lee will explore creating and placing a sign in the township building about the William Penn oak

7. New and Other Business

- a. Historic Commission mail
 - No noteworthy new mail

Historic Commission meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM



Warrington Historical Society Notes, start time of 8:35 PM:

1. Approval of March 11, 2012 Society notes
 - a. Notes approved unanimously
2. Membership - 22 + 18 from the Run Through History event
3. Treasurer's report
 - a. General Fund Bal.: **\$7345.07**
 - i. PO paid for one year
 - b. 10 Folly Road Building Fund: **\$5000.00**
 - i. \$5000.00 returned to Gary Schlechter (mailed 3-27-13)
 - ii. Do not close the building fund account; transfer the profit from the run to this account
4. Nomination and Election of Officers for 2013
 - a. President - Mary Doyle Roth
 - b. Vice President - Ken Samen
 - c. Treasurer - Donna Sempowski (to check & follow by-laws)
 - d. Fundraising - Sean Stetler with Donna Sempowski and Stu Cohen - co-chairs
 - e. Newsletter - Kathy Newcomb with Matt Sempowski for back-up
 - f. Publicity, Web Page - Carol Lee Vosteen
 - g. Membership - Scott Yates with Ken Samen as the co-chair
5. 10 Folly Road
 - a. Lease - Carol Lee to check out insurance cost & coverage; the township is to mark property perimeters - surveyor on staff; 2 Society signatures on lease; Shirley would like the beginning of the citation to appear in the lease; Mary's brother-in-law is a structural engineer and can evaluate the building
 - b. Building Committee - all to participate
 - c. Presentations for local organizations - discussion to follow
6. Discussed possibility of having 2 different meetings per month - one for the Commission business and one for the Society business; suggested both groups meet as currently scheduled, but set time limits for each - approx. 1 hour for each with a goal to keep the meeting length from 7:00 to 9:30 PM; share informational news and updates via e-mail to allow for business discussion at meeting.

7. Other business

- a. Carol Lee is creating a user manual for the Society website
- b. Mary has contacted "Bucks County Alive" to promote the Society on their website; the Society logo has been posted
- c. Gwyn is to advise the group of the reporter who attended the last BOS meeting
- d. Suggested that the group plan a road trip to the Franklinville School house in Whitpain

Society Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:55 PM

Recorded by Gwyn Walton

Next Meeting May 13, 2013