

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Commission was held June 6, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Pompton Plains Railroad Station Museum with all members present.

The minutes of the May meeting were approved as sent by Christopher Lotito and seconded by Bob Safarik.

Our next meeting will be July 11 because the first Wednesday is July 4th.

Light Pole Vandalism...Nothing new

Garden update..We are hoping to get Pompton granite for this project soon to get this project underway.

Video Surveillance...The town is waiting for the cable connection--at that time we will also be connected to the pole...then we will have to connect to the building.

Monthly Donations...We were given a copy of the marriage certificate from 1886 of Nicholas Slingerland's second daughter to Peter Van Riper.

Christopher Lotito donated a book New Jersey and the Revolution. Interesting that it had a mistake about the Pompton Rebellion (it said that the men were hanged...they were shot)

Morris Canal Resources..Christopher Lotito made the presentation of the files at the Library on May 29th. The files are now available at the library. Christopher wrote an article about this so that the public is aware of it. Again thanks to Christopher for his work on this project.

Memorial Day Exhibit...The exhibit was very well attended this year. The displays were great thanks to excellent work by Jay Wanczyk. We will use these Civil War Boards as part of our display for the street fair and the Pathways of History. Jay thanked Ed Englebart and Dave Wisneski for all their research on Civil War veterans that was used for the display. there is much interaction from many different sources.

Exhibitions and Open Houses...Street Fair,, This is on June 10th from 10am. to 5 p.m. Bob Safarik volunteered to be at the Museum early to open up. It is the same day as the Run for Marge so Jay will arrive about 11...after the run. Others should come throughout the day.

Summer Wednesday evening "Dinner and a Museum" We shop for a tie in with local restaurants.

Hoedown...will be held the third Saturday in September. We will participate.

Pathways weekend will be the third weekend in October. The next meeting is Monday June 11 in Jefferson. Dave Wisneski cannot attend. Jay will fill in and possibly Ed

Engelbart. Dave said that the group has been expanded even further with Denville and Dover added.

Other business..Lou Hebert reported that 660 flags were placed on veterans graves including 19 Revolutionary War graves (We only knew of 4 before) An application is prepared for the marble markers that would be placed by the tombstones that have become unreadable.

Jay Wanczyk reported that there is a problem with the roof of the museum. Some of the slates have slipped.Lou Hebert has someone(Joe Kovach) who has volunteered to repair this.

Dave Wisneski found a news article that documented that Wm. Tully Schuyler was a sexton at the Reformed Church. The article about the new ball and said that "the black sexton was keeping rascals away from the new bell".

Ed Engelbart reported that the First Reformed Church, the Manse, Grace Chapel and part of the cemetery will be on the State and National Historic registry. They have a request in for funds to repair Grace Chapel.

Christopher has been making pamphlets about the tour of the dams, reaction motors, and the cemetery. He suggests building a library of pamphlets that could be reproduced for various different events as needed.

We discussed possibly having a "whimsey" website on unusual architectural or other unusual things in town. Christopher mentioned how many different types of door he observed while campaigning.

Personally, many thanks for the delicious cake that Anita Brought to celebrate Ed Engelbart's appointment and my honor as Citizen of the Year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.....Respectfully submitted Jane Costello