

The regular meeting of the Pequannock Township Historic District Commission was held May 2, 2012 at the Pompton Plains Railroad Station Museum at 7 p.m. with all members present except Anita Daniel who was excused.

Station Museum Updates....Light pole vandalism...Jay has repainted the light and capped off the electricity until it can be replaced. He has several people looking for 3 in. pipe to replace the pole. This vandalism happened between 11pm and 3am and so far there are no suspects. Ed Englebart spoke to Dave Holberg about money for the new pole.

Garden Update...The granite rocks are coming soon...some of the present stones will be removed and some anti-weed netting installed. The Woman's Club has the plan for the flower plantings...to match our original picture.

Video Surveillance..We only have capability for three cameras so we will possibly reposition one of the existing one. Jay showed us a video of a group of kids on bikes and makes it plain how some of the damage is done to the paint on the facade etc.

Monthly Donations....Christopher Lotito donated a Preakness Daily milk box in good condition and also a book on New Jersey and National Geographic books.

Ed Engelbart showed us some books from the library...a history of Morris County and a History of Public Monuments.

The woman who donated the Slingerland family archives is coming back this weekend with more information and items for our collection.

Morris Canal Resources....Christopher Lotito reported that there were about 12-15 people on the tour of the dams. He also suggested that we have a formal acceptance of the material on the subject from the archives. Both discs have all the slide of the Morris Canal Connected to Pequannock Township. The format is high quality and all are completely legible. Christopher procured these for the Historic District Commission. He suggest an event at the library. He and Jay Wanczyk will meet with Rosemary at the library to create a press release.

Memorial Day Exhibit...Reservation. Ed. Engelbart made the reservation for Grace Hall through the Reformed Church for our exhibit. Jay showed us the display boards he is working on about the Civil War. They are going to be very interesting. Most will be on the Civil War and one panel will be on the War of 1812. We will also feature some WWII framed Bill Mauldin cartoons as well as lists of our veterans.

Exhibitions--Open Houses.....Street Fair. The Street Fair will be held June 10 and we will be open that day from 11am to 4pm We need a large sign or signs to put outside when we are open....on that day and all days that we are open.

Summer Evenings.....Jay Wanczyk suggested that we consider being open on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8. We could have a possible tie-in with downtown restaurants (come downtown and have dinner and visit the museum)

Hoe-Down.....We will participate...We want a banner...tan background with brown letters and our logo (the Bea Kettlewood design)

Pathways Weekend. Dave Wisneski reported on the recent meeting. There will be more participants this year...including Boonton, Boonton Twp., Montville , Jefferson Twp., Kinnelon, Glenburn House Riverdale, and Butler (may display at Glenburn as their museum is still closed, Lake Hopatcong and possibly Denville. We will feature our self-guided tour of our Civil War Display boards and other Civil War artifacts.

Other Business...Jay Wanczyk reported and showed the Open Space and Recreation update report for 2012 It is very complete and contains our list of historic sites as well as an historic section.

We also discussed some interesting articles on slavery in N. J....especially where N.J. stood on the issue and what the actuality of it was in practice. An interesting factor was that Hopkins was in Andersonville and had a connection to Tully Schuyler. Also Albert Van Voorhis the census taker stood up for Schuyler at his hearing...Some very interesting connections.Dave Wisneski also go the go-ahead permission for another gravestone from relatives of the veteran.

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