

# WARRINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC COMMISSION and WARRINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

## MINUTES OF EACH MEETING – March 11, 2013

The regular meeting of the Warrington Township Historic Commission and Warrington Historical Society was held jointly on March 11, 2013 7:00 p.m., at the Township Building located at 852 Easton Road, Warrington, PA 18976.

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### Attendance

**Commission Members:** Gwyn Walton – Chairperson, Stuart Cohen\* - Vice Chairperson; Carol Lee Vosteen\*, Sean Stetler\*, members

**Society Members:** Mary Doyle Roth - Chairperson, Kathy Newcomb, Donna Sempowski

**Guests:** Shirley Yannich, Supervisor; Tom Whelan, prospective volunteer

\*Also Society members

### 7:00 PM Call to order



### Warrington Township Historic Commission Minutes:

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome Guest(s) and Public Comment - Tom Whelan, who is a prospective volunteer; observed meeting and met committee members
  - a. No other public comment
3. Approval of Minutes - Jan. 14, 2013 (no 2013 Feb. minutes; no business)
  - a. Historic Commission Minutes were approved unanimously
4. Gwyn noted letter (sent by Jerry Anderson) re: start meetings with Pledge of Allegiance and include public comment in meeting agenda
5. Gwyn read *2012 Commission Results* document (sent to Tim Tieperman; shared with the BOS at the 2-12-13 meeting); Gwyn to e-mail it to members

6. Gwyn spoke about the 2-6-13 EAC meeting she attended; Gwyn will e-mail her EAC presentation notes; Gwyn spoke about the EAC meeting content and culture; possible project collaboration with EAC - i.e. signs for township trails (with historical details) and Illg's property development
7. Illg update - Gwyn reviewed activity to date; Fred Achenbach contacted Ernst Illg - the family will be available for an interview in about a year; suggested that Gwyn request the original Illg property plan PHMC report; suggested that the Illg property (including the barns) move to the top ten in the Historical property list; Carol Lee to set up a working meeting to review the top 20 historic properties and update the current list
8. Quarterly Open Space task force meeting date - Gwyn to inquire again
9. The Society and Commission will have 2 articles in the Spring LINK (about William Penn oak and the "Run Through History")
10. New and Other Business
  - a. Historic Commission mail
    - postcard from Preservation PA; 20 year retrospective edition of *Pennsylvania at Risk*; Gwyn to e-mail all Preservation PA link
  - b. 2013 elections
    - Gwyn Walton nominated and unanimously elected as 2013 Chairperson; Carol Lee nominated and unanimously elected as 2013 Vice Chairperson
  - c. Reviewed list of Warrington Twp boards and meeting dates
    - Sean to attend a Bike and Hike meeting; Stu to attend a Zoning board meeting; Carol Lee to attend a Planning board meeting; Donna to attend a Park & Rec meeting; Gwyn to follow-up with EAC meetings
  - d. 2-23 Doylestown Hist. Society hosted underground RR presentation
    - Gwyn, Donna and Laura Keene attended; shared some facts and future events printout (Lenape lecture and North Star movie); shared their *Prominent Resident Brochure* as example for a possible future handout; prompted a suggestion for a "Memorabilia Day" at Warrington Day in October
  - e. Gwyn shared an article about Hatboro - after a facilities review, they decided to renovate 3 borough facilities, rather than tear them down; the Hatboro borough hall was built in 1811

Historic Commission meeting adjourned at 8:18 PM



**Warrington Historical Society Notes, start time of 8:20 PM:**

1. Approval of February 11, 2012 Society notes
  - a. Notes approved unanimously
2. Membership - no reportable activity
3. Treasurer's report (same as Feb. 2013)
  - a. General Fund Bal.: **\$7463.08**; 10 Folly Road Building Fund: **\$5000.00**
  - b. Rec'd new "Warrington Book" check for deposit
4. Kaitey Hallowell's tree brochure - review at next meeting
5. 10 Folly Road
  - a. Tim Tieperman contacted Mary and Gwyn about possibility of the Society leasing property from the Township rather than the Schlechter Foundation; this proposal will be a BOS agenda item for the 3-12-13 meeting
  - a. Kaitey Hallowell - meet to review her proposed brochure and sign
  - b. Eagle Scout proposal - Matt Sempowski met with Tim T.; Matt to present his proposal the Scout Committee on 3-25; his clean-up proposal will include bushes and poison ivy
  - b. Carol Lee contacted the Warwick "Moland House" group; invite them to attend a future meeting for 10 Folly Road restoration tips
6. Small Repository Project
  - a. Mary contacted a project representative; they are interested in including Warrington in the survey; Mary has slides referencing the process; the project team will visit Ken, Mary and Scott's homes on an appointed day; the project team will assist with inventory of documents and items at each location; the results will be shared with the community and listed on the project team's website
7. Newsletter
  - a. Kathy is working on it; update to follow

8. April 8, 2013 General Meeting with Society Officer Elections
  - a. Kathy to create an announcement for Mary to print and mail to members; will there be an announcement through the township?; members to provide snacks - Donna to collect list of donated food items; Commission meeting will be brief
9. Other Business
  - a. Lynn Triller-Rampage - re: 605 Warrington Avenue, 1955 flood drowning; contacted Mary through the Society website; Haunted house ghost sighting; Mary will forward the e-mail
  - b. Website - Society members would need a Mac computer to execute updates; Kathy to check with volunteer who created site
  - c. Facebook - good activity; some posts have 100+ viewers
  - d. PA Museum conference in Doylestown, April 7-9; suggested: volunteer for the event to be able to attend a couple sessions
  - e. Donna suggested a car wash fund raiser (York Road); Donna is investigating details

Society Meeting adjourned at approx. 9:25 PM

Recorded by Gwyn Walton

**Next Meeting April 8, 2013**