

**Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation  
Commission Minutes of  
March 27, 2018**

Erika Herz (Vice Chair), in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, opened the meeting of the Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission at 7:00 pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Erika Herz, Judi Pivrotto, Kathy Troast, Paul Bowlby, Laura Jennings and Councilman Ek Venin

**Absent:** Mered Frankel, David Rowan and Al Evangelista

**Visitors:** Ken Montanye and Vicky Peine of The Butler Museum and Shirley Mc Cabe, Maryann Csencsits and Steve Edgeller of the Friends of the Library (Pompton Lakes)

A motion was made by Kathy Troast to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting on February 27, 2018, seconded by Judi Pivrotto. The motion passed.

**CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:**

1. **3/1/18 – Passaic County Division of Economic Development** Further information on the June conference in Paterson (as originally announced in the 2/7/18 email from the NJ Historic Preservation Office)
2. **3/13/18 – Lauren Venin – Request for photos of the old swimming hole at Hershfield** Al Evangelista has spoken with Donald Bolt whose family used to belong to that swim club. Mr. Bolt gave a detailed description of the location and facility and indicated that he would look for photos in his parents' collections.
3. **3/20/18 – Emily Shovlin – Ramapo College student seeking information on Pompton Lakes** A suggestion was made that Chairman Frankel send her the link to the walking tour brochure available on the Borough website.
4. **3/18/18 & 3/20/18 – Jai Agnish – Article and reprint in the *Record* and the *Trends* concerning a future museum and historical society** A discussion followed about the article. Visitor Ken Montanye noted that the online version of the article included more detailed information.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Walking Tour Brochure - printing** – Laura Jennings indicated that a targeted list of recipients is needed in order to obtain accurate quotes based on the number of printed brochures to order. She will begin working on an initial list of institutions and people who should receive these for further discussion at the next Commission meeting.

2. **2018 Calendar** – Kathy Troast is looking for the exact date of the creation of the position of Borough Clerk. She will pass on this information will to Chairman Frankel who is working on the text to be included in the calendar.
3. **2020 – 125 year anniversary of Pompton Lakes Borough** – Councilman Venin reported that he has brought this upcoming anniversary to the attention of the Borough Council.
4. **Historical Society**– Laura Jennings initiated a discussion about a Trivia Night as a fundraiser for a future historical society. The Pompton Lakes Valley National Bank branch was once again suggested as a possible location for the event. Laura is looking for information resources for the preparation of questions. It was noted that the event itself could serve as a recruiting mechanism for historical society membership. Another suggestion was to bring items from the Commission’s storage facility for display to encourage interest in local history. Also discussed was the advisability of serving alcoholic beverages as well as the appropriate place to deposit any funds raised from this and future events.
5. **Sign locations**– In his 3/26/18 email to the commissioners, Al Evangelista shared further research on the Artistic Weaving / Kluge family site. The consensus is that this should be the next site for a historic location sign.
6. **Possible walk/talk tour of Pompton Lakes (with Friends of the PL Library) for Saturday, May 12** – With the input of the Friends of the Library visitors, the commissioners discussed various possible scenarios for this event. The date of May 12<sup>th</sup> was agreed to , with the addition of a rain date of May 19<sup>th</sup>. The tour would be an abbreviated version of the complete tour available on the Pompton Lakes website and would begin and end at the Library. The consensus was that the walking tour could fit into the other scheduled activities being sponsored at the Library on May 12<sup>th</sup>. There can be a sign-up at the Library and interested residents could be contacted via the Commission’s Pompton Day list and the Friends of the Library email list.
7. **Sally Adler**– Judi Pivrotto reported that she has been in communication with Ms. Adler. Unfortunately Ms. Adler was not able to accept Judi’s invitation to tonight’s meeting. However, Ms. Adler offered to lend her Pompton Lakes documents and artifacts to the Commission and Judi hopes to meet with her in the near future.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Butler Museum**– Visitor Ken Montanye made several suggestions regarding the establishment of a local history museum and gave a detailed description of the exhibits and facilities of the Butler Museum. He explained their conversion of microfiche documents to a Digital Access Center, by which visitors can independently explore the museum’s collections. He offered the Commission the assistance of the Butler group as plans develop for a Pompton Lakes Historical Society.

2. **Cataloguing of PLHPC materials** – Councilman Venin asked about the cataloguing of the Commission’s artifacts and documents. It was noted that there is much work to be done on this project. Kathy Troast explained that the Pompton Lakes High School History Club had worked on cataloguing some of these materials but that the Commission had not received a report from them.

**Next meeting is April 24, 2018** – at the Pompton Lakes Civic Center, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ. Please call Mered Frankel at 973-616-8048 if you cannot attend a meeting.

Having no further business to discuss a motion was made at 7:45 PM to adjourn by Judi Pivrotto and seconded by Paul Bowlby.

Respectfully submitted, Karen M. Herbst