

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of January 24, 2023

Laura Jennings, in accordance with the New Jersey Open Public Meeting Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-7, opened the in-person meeting of the Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission at 7:06pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Ed Crowley, Laura Jennings, Brian O'Malley, David Rowan

EXCUSED: Al Evangelista, Keith Lockwood, Jared Luciani

ABSENT: Paul Bastante

VISITORS: Michael Carelli

MINUTES – Paul Bowlby made a motion to approve and accept the December 27, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Brian O'Malley. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:

322 Broadway homeowner asked for recommendations of a roofer that works with cedar shingles. Laura provided details of the roofer used at Ringwood Manor.

Financial Disclosure reminders for Keith Lockwood and Paul Bastante.

Brian La Pinto, Passaic County Office of Cultural and Historic Affairs, African American Heritage Trail is to feature three sites in Pompton Lakes, including Pompton Reformed Church, Joe Louis Memorial Park and Schuyler Colfax Boxing house. It will be launching February 1st. Discussion followed. Laura will work on fine tuning write up to provide Passaic County.

Welcome Guest – Michael Carelli joined us tonight to share exciting details of Riverdale's 100th year Anniversary celebrations for this year. Starting with the Centennial Gala on April 1st, Pathways of History on May 6th at the Glenburn Estate, the Centennial Carnival, Riverdale Street Fair on September 4th, Riverdale Day on September 23rd, and a van tour of Riverdale historic sites on October 14th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Artistic Weaving – Now that the sign is complete, a dedication ceremony is to be planned. A spring date is yet to be chosen. Once the date is confirmed, council liaison Ek Venin is to be contacted to arrange installation of the post by the DPW.

Museum – No further updates. However, it was mentioned that Diamonds by Dawn is no longer purchasing the property on Hamburg Tpk.

Documenting History – Continuing.

Grant Funding – Laura spoke with Lindsay of the NJ DEP Historic Division about grant funding who explained that we would qualify. Laura will forward details to Ek and review with Paula, borough administrator.

Storage Unit Clean Up – To be scheduled in June. Laura will provide some dates.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Report – Mayor Michael Serra reported that the borough approached the Broadway house homeowner when they were selling it but were not interested. However, new owners have been asking for recommendations to keep it historic. It was noted that the house is not designated as a historic building. To help publicize some of our artifacts, the mayor suggested approaching BID to help post photos of artifacts along the fence in town like they've done with Art on the Avenue. Discussion followed. In addition, the mayor explained a county executive meeting is scheduled for next Thursday and asked if anything should be mentioned. Laura explained that the NJ State Historic Preservation Plan survey showed that 85% would like to see more historic trails.

Annual Report – Annual report is due March 31, 2023.

Continuing Education – Laura provided details of Rutgers course Back to Basics: A Primer for NJ Historic Preservation Commissions and Planners and asked if anyone would like to join her.

New Jersey History and Historic Preservation Conference – Laura will be speaking at the NJ History and Historic Preservation Conference to be held June 12-13, 2023 at Stockton University. Councilman Ek Venin will be introducing her. She will be focusing on the creation of our very own historic trails guide and why. This very guide has been used in podcasts and featured within the NJ Heritage Trail. Very exciting.

Our next meeting is February 28, 2023, 7:00pm – to be held at Pompton Lakes Civic Center located at 25 Lenox Ave in Pompton Lakes. Please contact Laura Jennings by email at historic@pomptonlakes-nj.gov if you cannot attend the meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, Paul Bowlby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:58pm, seconded by Brian O'Malley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings