

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of April 25, 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 7:04pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Al Evangelista, Laura Jennings, Jared Luciani, Brian O'Malley, David Rowan, Councilman Ek Venin, Mayor Michael Serra

EXCUSED: Ed Crowley, Keith Lockwood

ABSENT: None

VISITORS: Erin Hunkemoeller, Chris Yu

MINUTES – Paul Bowlby made a motion to approve and accept the March 28, 2023, regular meeting minutes, seconded by Dave Rowan. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:

Wells Fargo Renovation – Laura shared with much relief that the mural at Wells Fargo will not be painted or covered up. It was an oversight. It was determined that their headquarters in California has a mural committee that was unaware that their Pompton Lakes branch had one. The renovations under discussion will not involve painting, only adding partitions to create office space and shorten the teller line.

The meeting was opened for public comment at 7:16pm.

Welcome Guests

Erin Hunkemoeller will be welcomed as one of our newest members. She will be sworn in at the next council meeting. We are excited to have her join us.

Chris Yu is the new owner of The Overlook house at the end of Bartholf Ave. It is a historic Victorian Era home built in 1890 with much needed repairs. This was Chris' second meeting in which he presented members with his plans for much needed renovations to the historic home. His intentions are to keep the historic integrity of the home by replacing items with like kind updates. The home was designated as historic in 1999. The commission asked Chris to provide updates for each major renovation. At this time the porch and roof portion will be completed. Chris explained he purchased the home because of its historic charm and wants to maintain it. Historic Commission members voted unanimously to approve renovations presented at tonight's meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Financial Disclosure – Reminder due 4/30/23

Training – We've asked borough administrator to include costs for training in our budget.

Survey – It's recommended that a historic survey is completed at least every 10 years. Our last survey was done in 2011. We are a certified local government and grant opportunities are available. There is a process to nominate a

property including a public comment period. Laura will get more details. The mural at Wells Fargo would be a wonderful addition to historic sites in Pompton Lakes.

New Member – Erin Hunkemoeller will be sworn in at the April 26th council meeting.

SPECIAL PROJECTS:

Marketing/Strategic Planning – The proposed logos were distributed and reviewed. The majority vote decided what design to use. Verbiage will be confirmed. The Historic Commission introduction letter will be included in the borough calendar. Further details will be discussed at next month's meeting when Keith can explain in more detail.

Friends of Historic Commission – Mayor Michael Serra explained Terri Reicher helped the Friends of the Library and might be able to help us establish the same for the historic commission. Or we may be able to tie in with the Friends of the Library group. More details to follow.

Artistic Weaving – Ceremony to be scheduled. Al picked out post. He and Ed Crowley will complete survey confirming location of the sign and that it won't be on private property. Once the exact location is determined Al will reach out to Dan at the DPW to schedule the installation. Laura asked Al to provide an estimate so we could schedule the ceremony.

Museum – No update. However, Laura spoke with the owner at 227 Hamburg Turnpike about historic designation and getting a 20% tax credit for five years. Mayor Serra commented that it may cost more for repairs if the building is designated as historic. More details to follow.

Grant Opportunities – Donna Harris can be called for more information. Mayor Serra advised to forward details to borough grant writer to follow up.

Storage Unit Clean Up – Scheduled for June 4th with rain date of June 11th.

Our next meeting is May 23, 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, Dave Rowan made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm, seconded by Brian O'Malley, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings