

## Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission Minutes of March 26, 2019

Erika Herz, 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 7:14 pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Paul Bowlby, Al Evangelista, Erika Herz, David Rowan, Councilman Ek Venin

**Absent:** Mered Frankel, Laura Jennings, Keith Lockwood

**Visitors:** Andrew Krinsley, Jeff Cyr

A motion was made by Dave Rowan to approve and accept the minutes from the meeting on February 22, 2019, seconded by Al Evangelista. The motion passed.

### **CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS:**

1. **Butler Museum – Ken Montanye** – Ken invited the commission and council members to visit the Butler Museum. Dave Rowan will reach out to Ken to arrange a date and time. Al suggested visiting the museum after our regular meeting in May.
2. **Pompton Day Booth Request** – Pompton Lakes Recreation Department’s Pompton Day committee sent out forms to request vendor space at the annual event. Form is due by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Schuyler Colfax House/Passaic County Boxing Museum** – Paul Bowlby reached out to NJ Boxing Hall of Fame and is working on getting together with Henry to get guidance on how we can attain and use the Schuyler Colfax house. Al Evangelista also suggested reaching out to Glenn Corbett from the Passaic County Historical Society. Al gave Paul his contact information and will follow up with him. Al doesn’t think anyone is interested in buying the house, but will reach out to the realtor to be sure. He also thought that maybe the Pompton Lakes Elks may have an interest in buying the property. Our storage facility has a lot of historical items that will need to be organized, but will be a good start for displaying memorabilia. Paul will also post a request on social media outlets to see if anyone else may have other historical items they may want to share and to get the word out that we are still looking for a viable location for a museum. Ek Venin advised that the former Pompton Lakes Congregation Beth Shalom is looking to complete a legacy project in Pompton Lakes. They originally proposed a reading garden at the library, but due to its infringement on the use of the lawn for concerts and other events, a suggestion was made by a subcommittee of the borough council that they provide seed money for the Schuyler House and in return we provide them with a room in the museum. Congregation Beth Shalom is willing to donate up to \$100,000.
2. **2020 – 125 Year Anniversary of Pompton Lakes and 1950s Video** – Discussion about the video ensued with comments of how many people have been recognized so far. Al Evangelista shared some historical facts and it was suggested that Al should be included in the video Peter Puleio will be working on for our 125 year Anniversary celebration. Cristiane Jennings offered to reach out to Peter and have him get in touch with Al. In addition to the Historic Commission, the Pompton Lakes BID and Pompton Lakes Friends of the Library will also

be planning activities. We will coordinate with these groups and the borough council to come up with ideas. Al Evangelista will reach out to BID to help with possible banners for the lamp posts along Wanaque Ave.

3. **Historical Society**– No further information was available about becoming a 501c3 non-profit organization. The Pompton Lakes Friends of the Library has offered to help guide us in getting our own 501c3 status, but we have not been able to get someone to take the lead on this. However, we were very excited when one of our visitors, Andrew Krinsley, advised us that he is very interested in becoming a member and would like to take on this project. The commission will be get him in touch with the Friends of the Library group so he can get some guidance on how to go about becoming a non-profit. Andrew is also a paralegal, which will be an asset.
4. **Sign locations – Artistic Weaving** Al Evangelista reached out to principal officer of Artistic Weaving again, but still hasn't gotten a response yet. The sign would be placed between Starbucks and the river. A small ceremony will be planned.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Town Calendar Page** – No decision has been made on the town calendar page. Al Evangelista suggested that we use our page to depict the upcoming 125 Year Anniversary. Being that the calendar write up is due within the next few weeks, Al will reach out to borough clerk to make sure we don't miss the deadline.
2. **New Members**- Three new members are needed to fill one regular member's position, a class A member and one second alternate. Visitor Andrew Krinsley has already submitted his application to become a member and hopes to qualify as a class A member.

**Our next meeting is April 23, 2019** – at the Pompton Lakes Civic Center, 25 Lenox Avenue, Pompton Lakes, NJ. Please call Laura Jennings at 201-953-9327 or email [jennings.lauraf@gmail.com](mailto:jennings.lauraf@gmail.com) if you cannot attend a meeting.

Having no further business to discuss a motion was made at 8:15 PM to adjourn by Dave Rowan and seconded by Paul Bowlby.

Respectfully submitted, Cristiane Jennings