

Pompton Lakes Historic Preservation Commission

Minutes of October 25, 2022

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 7:02pm. This meeting has been advertised in the *Suburban Trends* and posted in the Municipal Building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bowlby, Al Evangelista, Laura Jennings, Brian O'Malley

EXCUSED: Jared Luciani, Keith Lockwood, David Rowan

ABSENT: Paul Bastante

VISITORS: Ed Crowley

MINUTES – Al Evangelista made a motion to approve and accept the September 27, 2022, meeting minutes, seconded by Paul Bowlby. The motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE and PHONE CALLS – Local resident, CERT member and scout leader Debra Ross donated old Artistic Weaving letters of intent to strike. They were found in the walls during renovations to her home. The best of the letters has been given to Bill Houston of Cardinal Frame to laminate and frame. It will be put on display in conjunction with the Artistic Weaving artifact. In addition, a German zither was donated by Joan Succow and land deeds were donated by Mary Rogers.

Guest – Ed Crowley joined us tonight showing interest in becoming a member. It was noted that Ed lives in the former Mayor Haroldson's house that was built in 1920. He is a Navy veteran, a First Aid Squad member, was special police officer for 35 years, and retired from NJ Department of Transportation in 2008. Laura asked Ed to provide the board with a resume and letter of introduction for review.

OLD BUSINESS:

Artistic Weaving – Al explained the sign has not been completed yet and will give Russ Accardi a deadline. Discussion followed about a dedication ceremony to be planned for the spring and checking with Starbucks for use of their facility and refreshments afterwards. Laura would like to see if the dedication ceremony might coincide with the anniversary of the founding of Artistic Weaving. Can use this opportunity to voice our interest in a museum. In the meantime, Laura will reach out to Nancy Schwartz of the Pompton Lakes Woman's Club to see if we can use their display at borough hall for the recently donated items.

Museum – Would like to have notice added to historic commission webpage for residents to contact us for donations of artifacts. Al advised Diamonds by Dawn has purchased the property on Hamburg Turnpike and intends to keep it historic. Discussion followed about possibly renting one of the rooms to be used as our museum. Al will reach out. The homeowner of the historic home at 322 Broadway contacted Laura about making renovations, including adding a bathroom, replacing the roof, and updating the interior and exterior of home. Laura advised that zoning and building departments have been forwarding emails to us, but this one was unique. Laura will forward questions for review and possibly set up a meeting with the homeowner. Al expressed interest in attending that meeting.

Documenting History – Brian continues to take photos of redevelopment. It was suggested that we may want to reach out to Mike Simone from the Zoning Board to remain informed of upcoming projects so changes can be documented as they occur. Laura shared that the selfie station at Lakeside Park is complete. Photos have been taken and documented. The project started with the Historic Commission of Passaic County and Laura presented the idea to Jennifer Polidori and David Crum for completion.

Grant Funding– Laura will connect borough administrator Paula with Treena and Lindsay of the Historic Preservation Office to discuss grants that we might be eligible for.

Storage Unit Clean Up– To be scheduled for the spring. AI suggested using new storage facility to be completed next to Lidl in Pompton Lakes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership– Laura explained there is one open 2-year membership for second alternate that expires December 31, 2022. Ed Crowley will send a resume to Laura for review. Discussion followed about attendance. It was noted members are marked as present, absent, or excused. Three or more absences are a cause for removal.

November Meeting Cancelled – AI motioned to cancel the November meeting, seconded by Brian, all in favor.

2023 Meeting Dates – 2023 meeting dates are the fourth Tuesday of the month as follows, excluding the months of August and December: Jan 24, Feb 28, Mar 28, Apr 25, May 23, Jun 27, Jul 25, Sep 26, Oct 24, and Nov 28. Brian motioned to accept the dates above, seconded by AI, all in favor.

Our next meeting is December 27, 2022, 7:00pm – to be held at Pompton Lakes Civic Center located at 25 Lenox Ave in Pompton Lakes followed by a holiday celebration at Mack's. Please contact Laura Jennings by email at historic@pomptonlakes-nj.gov if you cannot attend the meeting.

Having no further business to discuss, Laura Jennings made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristiane Jennings