

**Historical Preservation Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 18, 2023**

Meeting Called to Order (Time 7:03pm)

Reading of Open Public Meeting Act.

Members present: Chairperson Laura Olstein, Corresponding Secretary Mary DiBrigida, Dave Wilding, Borough Historian and Member Tom Kline, Caryl Keyser (Alternate),
Absent: Vice Chairperson Jim Roselius, John Cannie, SOSAC liaison Scot Simptner, Council Liaison Vince Russo
Friends: None
Guests: Mayor Jim Freda, Councilman Anthony Chirido

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve June 20, 2023 minutes made by Tom Kline and seconded by Mary DiBrigida, all in favor, none opposed.

Old Business:

Morris County Historic Preservation Trust (large grant money): Tom Kline-In June, sent note to Karen stating need of spending \$10,000 to restore electricity to building. Told to come to workshop but agenda was too busy so scheduled to go to next meeting. Connolly & Hickey contractually obligated to Morris County to have an historical preservation architect draw up specifications if we have fire damage. Adjuster said would pay for C&H but not for electric. For wire damage yes, but not for re-wiring the museum. C&H recommended hiring an electrical engineer for \$10,000 to make a plan to sign off to get electric turned back on. Can apply for the grant due in February, but still need to have guidance re: electrical so still have to hire professional. 2) Operate building without electricity? Electric panel currently being run to security and furnace. 3) The mega test was done-more than half the circuits failed. 4) Will the electrical engineer be able to assess what part was already damaged or due specifically to fire?

Last year it was determined that the building needed to be painted this year (@\$18,000). Charlie said yes, from Open Space Funds, but didn't communicate that to Council.

Tom to write synopsis of situation to give to Council.

Security cameras? John Cannie helping out; need camera, Discussed claim.

Morris County Heritage Commission History Re-Grant Program (small grant money): Laura Olstein-1) Still working on spending 2022 grant money-trying to spend using CAPES report suggestions. 2) Trying to digitize maps for safety reasons in case of catastrophic loss.

Building and Grounds Report: Jim Roselius-Absent but have update:

Friends Report: Not meeting at this point.

Pathways: Laura Olstein-Nothing to report

Research & Collections: Mary DiBrigida-Nothing new to report.

Scout Projects: Laura Olstein-Nothing new to report

Social Media: Laura Olstein-Nothing new to report.

Special Programs Report: On hold until museum can re-open.

Staff Report: Caryl Keyser-Michael's been working on going through the filing cabinet per the CAPES report suggestions regarding organizing.

Technology Report: John Cannie-Absent.

Comments from the Borough Historian: Tom Kline-1) Morris County has put the Charlottesville Marker back at the North Gate. 2) The State of NJ has sent multiple requests re: comments on the 2024 Route 23 project to replace High Crest bridge-have to answer them. 3) Smoke Rise installing flag pole at North Gate? Used to have a plaque honoring a fallen Korean War soldier named Dorland. Should send letter from committee-what are you doing to preserve historical monument that was there?

New Business:

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 5, 2023 – 7:00 pm

Adjournment: Time 8:10 pm. Motion made to adjourn by Mary DiBrigida and seconded by Tom Kline. All in favor, none opposed.

At the August 15, 2023 meeting, on a motion by Tom Kline, and seconded by John Cannie and the affirmative voice vote of all members present, the July 18, 2023 minutes were approved.

