

Chesterfield Township

Historic Preservation Commission

Meeting Minutes May 2, 2023

Chairmen James Codella called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

The Open Public Meeting Statement was read and Compliance Noted

Roll Call:

Present- Robert Forwood, James Codella, Joseph Ratajczak, Timothy Beggs, Eugene Cardone, Matthew Litt, Liaison

Absent- Jennifer Lynch, Jill Moraca, Denise Koetas-Dale-Liason

Approval of Minutes: James Codella made a motion seconded by Joseph Ratajczak to approve the regular April 4th meeting minutes. All were in favor, motion carried.

Old Business:

-1740 Black House designation process – Mr. Litt explained that the procedure to designate the 1740 Black house as a historic landmark is a detailed process. The HPC will start the process according to the Ordinance 123-9.

-The HPC will craft a letter to send to Active Acquisitions requesting access to the 1740 Black House for a walk through to assess the condition, in the Letter they will include different dates and times that the selected HPC and the Historic society members would be able to be granted access to the property.

-Mr. Litt reached out to multiple contacts for the Lenape Tribe and reached out to the New Jersey Commission of American Indian Affairs regarding the potential burial ground on OYCC property. They were grateful for the phone call and will be reaching back out to Mr. Litt.

-Bullock Mansion- Motion to distribute letter to Cross Point including 8 questions formulated to request more information. All in favor. Motion carried.

-Research on potential 400k thousand dollar grant to the Bullock Mansion will be discussed when Jenn Moraca is present if there is more information.

-Historic Ordinance update is currently at the state level and the HPC hopes to get copies to discuss at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

- Yearly Historic Zoning Mailer- the HPC will hold off on sending the yearly historic Mailer until - hearing back from Township attorney to see if the Updated Historic Ordinance needs to be distributed to all residents in the Historic districts, if so the HPC will send the two mail items out together.

Correspondence:

- None

General Discussion:

Orban House- Mr. Codella states that the barn continues to deteriorate, zoning Officer has been notified of the barns condition.

Public Comment

Mr. Forwood made a motion seconded by Timothy Beggs to open public comment.

Hearing public comment, Mr. Forwood made a motion seconded by Timothy Beggs to close the public comment portion of the meeting

Adjournment:

Timothy Beggs made a motion seconded by Robert Forwood to adjourn at 8:12pm, all were in favor, Motion carried.