

WESTTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Westtown Municipal Building, 1039 Wilmington Pike, West Chester
Thursday, August 17, 2017 6:00 P.M.

In attendance: Commission members David Walter, Gail Guterl, Ray Sarnacki, Paul Mullin, Dan Campbell and Erica Reilly.

I. Call to Order

Erica Reilly called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

II. Approval of Minutes from July 20, 2017

Ray Sarnacki made a motion to approve the minutes. Paul Mullin seconded the motion. There were no changes and the minutes were approved.

III. Public Comment (non-agenda items)

None.

IV. Old Business

A. Update on Westtown Day Planning

Erica Reilly reported that over \$4,000 in donations has been received to date. On August 10, Police Chief Brenda Bernot, Director of Public Works Mark Gross and members of the Westtown Day committee conducted a walkabout of the Oakbourne Park to assign spots for vendors, food trucks and activities. There are many more family activities, food trucks and vendors than last year. The committee expects the event to be larger than last year's inaugural event.

Ray Sarnacki suggested that the archaeological dig be moved close to the reenactors. The commission agreed. Erica reported that lawn signs have been ordered to advertise the event and she expects to have them this week. The event will also be marketed on the Route 202 billboard, mansion banner and listserv updates.

There will be a meeting of volunteers on September 28th at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Oakbourne Mansion. A docent is still needed to conduct tours of the Mansion.

B. Update on Status of Veteran's Monument

The architect for the Veteran's Memorial completed his work, and sent it to Carter Van Dyke, who is currently working on the site design. Van Dyke will be sending the committee a proposal of the monument shortly.

C. Shiloh AME Cemetery, Plan Going Forward

Dave Walter reported that Will Todd and a team of six volunteers are willing to help out on August 26, 2017 for further cleanup of the site. Pob Pingar is waiting to hear back from the property owner to find out if they can go on his property then. Ray Sarnacki and Paul Mullin advised they will both be away that date. If August doesn't happen, will try to set a cleanup date for September.

D. Historic Resources List and Map Amendment

Erica reported that Township Solicitor Pat McKenna has the list and map amendments and will provide feedback to the Historical Commission at a later date.

V. New Business

A. Report from Dan Campbell on the August 7 BOS meeting.

Dan attended the August 7 Board of Supervisors meeting and reported the current activities of the Historic Commission. There were very few questions from the Board of Supervisors.

B. Fall Westtown Gazette Article

Paul Mullin reported that the article for the fall issue of the Westtown Gazette on the Lenape was completed and submitted to Pam Coleman on Monday, August 14. Gail will be writing an article for the winter issue. Dave Walter suggested writing an article about the former Redman Lodge for the spring issue. The lodge building is still intact and located at the intersection of S. Chester Road and Route 926.

C. Historic Preservation Award

Nominations for the historic preservation award were discussed and a selection has been made by the historic commission. The homeowner will be notified and asked to attend Westtown Day on October 1 for the award ceremony.

VI. Public Comment (All Topics)

None.

VII. Announcements

None.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.