

June 3, 2019 Historical Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: Monica Zuba, Kathryn Saxton-Granato, Colin McLain, Carolyn Gant, Delores Simkins, Henry Kobik, Carol Coulbourn

Members Absent: Joe Darminio, Frank Pfrommer, Carl Napoli, Joe Bilinski, Diane Stockinger

Guest Present: Phil Russo-Environmental Commission & Planning Board member

The June 3, 2019 meeting of the Historical Advisory Committee was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the History Center by Chairman Carol Coulbourn.

Discussion was held on old houses that are being torn down. It was noted that a historic house built in 1736 in Bergen County was being torn down. It was also noted that the house in back of WaWa in Franklinville was going to be demolished by WaWa. The home originally was located facing north Delsea Drive, (where WaWa currently is located). It was moved to face Porchtown Road and a Gulf Gas Station was built in its location. Most of the homes along Delsea Drive, south of McArthur Ave. during the 1960's have been torn down; the former Nute home, the old Catholic Church, the Albertson home, Ester Smith's home, the home where the Telephone Company is now located, the Dry Dock, the Broselow home, Judge Shunk's home, the Taxi Cab small building, Finger's Basket Factory, the American Station, the two houses on Delsea Drive behind WaWa, the building next to those two homes, the Franklinville School, the old Town Hall across from the Franklinville Lake, the old Franklinville Post Office/Sentinel Building, the large building that was located in back of the Franklinville Fire Company, and the small sewing factory. Anyone who had moved away and returned would not recognize the center of Franklinville.

It was mentioned some towns have historic districts; however, Franklin Township is a sprawling municipality covering over 55 square miles. There is no central or town center.

Discussion was also held on the woods located along Marshall Mill Road and Delsea Drive. The woods have been totally cleared. More trees were removed than was scheduled to be removed according to Mr. Russo. Discussion was also held on the Fall Oaks project on Morris Ave. where eight houses are to be built. The revised storm water drainage will be behind each house and a homeowners association will maintain the drainage area.

Mrs. Saxton-Granato reported that it takes 500 lbs. of plastic bags to make a Trex park bench. There is a limit of 1 per year availability.

Mr. Russo noted that the company in Newfield that took radio-active materials and crushed them to produce a less radio-active material in the 1980's and 1990's was still an environmental concern.

Mr. Kobik and other members noted that when they were kids they would ride their bikes or run through the spray when the trucks would drive by and spray for mosquitos. Mr. Kobik noted that the Grochowski family had a grocery store located across the street from the Community Center on Veteran's Way, formally known as Blackwood Ave. He also stated that Dot Bass's former home was one of the oldest homes in the Janvier Road.

It was also reported that the Capozzi home, located on Harding Highway, was going to be torn down. The home always had beautiful flowers and grounds. The Capozzi family had donated the grounds where the Main Road School was built and also the Ambulance Building located on Main Road. They were

very supportive of the community. There were three siblings that lived in the home, Frank and his two sisters and they were all single. The home was left to Dallas Clevenger.

Mrs. Simkins noted that in 1976 her home was listed on a State Registrar of older historic homes. She stated that listing on the survey does not place restrictions on the home.

Mrs. Coulbourn reported that the History Fair would be held on Saturday, June 8th. She would pick up the items we would be displaying on Friday along with the tent and tables from her daughter's house. If anyone wanted to ride with her on Saturday, she would meet them at the Community Center parking lot at 7:15 a.m. and depart at 7:30 a.m. Mrs. Gant, Mrs. Zuba, Mrs. Saxton-Granato, and she and her daughter would all be attending the event. Volunteer Janice Lucas would meet the members at the event.

Members were reminded that the Historical Committee does not meet in July and August. The next regular meeting date falls on Labor Day; therefore, **the September meeting will fall on the following Monday, September 9th. At that time we will finalize plans for Community Day, which falls on September 21st.** Volunteers will be needed to cover our tent. We will be selling our ornaments celebrating our Township's 200th anniversary, which is in January 2020.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn

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