

Tinton Falls Historic Preservation Commission
MINUTES
June 8, 2009

Meeting called to order: 19:45

Open Public Meetings Act

Chair: Stacey Slowinski

In attendance: Mike Ruther, Keith Radhuber, Linda Zucaro

Absent: Kathy DeAngelo, Ondrea Murphy

Minutes: April and May minutes were approved

Reports:

Crawford House Roof. Wilcox roofing of Oceanport bid acceptable, but a P.O. cannot be issued until it is formally allocated in the budget. July 1 is the target start date.

Auction of Forgotten/AA Properties. Jim Berube had completed state paperwork so auction dates can be set. (*Forgotton* on Tinton Ave. *AA* is next to Charlie Brown's on Sycamore). The ordinance was introduced on May 19th for the auction to take place. It should be on the agenda for a vote at this week's Borough Council meeting.

Scenic Byways Municipal Survey. Mike Ruther reported on the upcoming, June 29, meeting. Plans are to plot out the scenic route, establish a name for the byway to submit to the Monmouth County Planning Board and discuss a "vision statement." The meeting will be held at the Monmouth County Planning Board, Freehold, Board of Records Annex Building.

Community Development Block Grant was due June 5. It was in the hands of TF administration and TFHPC has not confirmed that our application has been submitted at the time of this meeting. Handicap accessible improvements for Crawford House are our objective for CDBG funding. A follow-up presentation is part of the process, which Stacey has been called upon to do. There has been a video component to the application in the past.

Pine Brook Cemetery. The Alex Johnson, Eagle Scout, produced a handsome, bound, booklet picture of each of the headstones, clearly printing their inscriptions in an accompanying blurb. GPR survey was done on May 12th by the NJ Geological Survey. It confirmed the previous survey of the "anomalies" (gravesites) below ground.

New Business:

Budget will be introduced this week at the Town Council meeting of June 16, 2009. There is a time period between introduction and adoption. The \$60,000 from The Falls is slotted for the Crawford House but must be approved.

Community Garden at Crawford House to be headed up by Theresa Maltz. June 15th 7:30 is the initial meeting date at Boro Hall. Stacey and Ondrea may attend.

Old Business:

Eagle Scout Project will receive internal approval (from the scouts) this week. Marking off boundaries and clearing the area are the objectives.

NJ Historic Trust/Historical Preservation Office/Historical Commission/Common Wealth of New Jersey 2009 Historical Workshops in Glassboro. Mike attended the seminar entitled "Heritage Tourism: Creating the Setting and Reaping the Rewards." Know your sites. A marketing staff might be necessary. Restaurants, shopping and signage are key elements of success. Historic preservation sponsors must prove historic sites' economic value to the town. Mike then took a 3-hour guided bus tour of the area Gloucester area including the Battle of Red Bank battlegrounds. (njht@dca.state.nj.us). A professional map of the City of Burlington was shown as an example of what a Tinton Falls or Historic Byways map might look like.

Blue Book scanning experimented by TJ Totland. Initial results subpar, as scanning technology does not always provide a crisp image.

Archives Day 2009. TFHPC will continue its African-American cemetery theme.

Committee. One slot is still open on the TFHPC.

Next meeting: 7:30 PM July 13, 2009

Adjourned at 21:40