



Leonia Historic Preservation Commission

312 Broad Avenue, Leonia, NJ 07605

Minutes: Meeting of September 8, 2014

Present: John Roynon, Pat Fusco, Diana Damon, Frank Rovelli, Linda Green

Council Liaison: Bernadette Flaim was unable to attend

Guest: David Braun

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm and the Sunshine Statement read. The minutes of the June 9, 2014 meeting were read. A motion by Diana D. to accept the minutes was seconded by Pat. F.

Correspondence: None.

Old Business:

1. Historic flyer: Options are being discussed.
2. Five historical signs: Old signs are to be replaced by the town. Bernadette will let us know of any progress.

New Business:

1. Mission for the year: John R suggested our mission for the year should be to get Leonia residents, including children, interested and actively involved in the history of our town. We agreed on the theme "100th Birthday for Leonia Houses" recognizing that many homes were built between 1910 and 1920. Pat Fusco added that education is a vital function of the commission, and that we should appeal to residents' current concerns of maintaining the quality of life and character of our town. Diana D suggested we have quarterly events, with a speaker or a video and invite the public. Use of the library for these events was discussed.
2. Town Calendar: John R will discuss the possibility of a historical theme on the town calendar for 2015-2016 with Carol Karels and Aviva Levy.
3. Pat F suggested that it would be good to develop a timeline of Leonia's history.
4. Leonia Life: Frank R suggested that Leonia Life could do a monthly "History of a House" article.
5. Leonia Day: Materials need to be updated. Displays should be more durable and weather resistant. We would like to work with the library to organize a kid's competition, for ex. "Then and Now", and also have a laptop power point presentation of homes in the parking lot which could be hooked up to the library.

6. Leonia Historical Preservation Commission Facebook Page: Content needs to be discussed further before creating the page.
7. Archives online: Linda G advised that the archives are now accessible on the Leonia Library web page. Website: <http://leonia.bccls.org/collections.html>
8. Upcoming seminars: David B learned of some upcoming seminars for historical commissioners at Kean University. More information to follow.
9. Recruitment of members: We have 3 slots to fill. Methods of recruitment were discussed. John R will email Lynn at the Boro Hall to get more info.
10. Making homes historical: Linda G would like to see some of the homes on Broad Avenue made historical, for example the Ferdon house on the corner of Summit and Broad and some Broad Avenue mansions such as 175 Broad.
11. John R motioned that Linda G be moved up from alternate member to full member and Diana D seconded.
12. David B informed the commission that Billy Neumann, a historian and photographer involved with Bergen County Historic Preservationists has offered to do preservation-related photographs for us gratis.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25pm. John R motioned to adjourn and Frank R seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting will be on Monday, October 13, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Borough Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Green