



## **Leonia Historic Preservation Commission**

312 Broad Avenue, Leonia, NJ 07605

### **Minutes: Meeting of January 12, 2015**

Present: John Roynon, Linda Green, Frank Rovelli, Diana Damon, John Stendor

Council Liaison: Pat Fusco

Guest: David Braun

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and accepted as corrected.

#### Correspondence:

- Letters from the Mayor confirming appointment of Frank R. as Class B commission member until the end of 2018 and John S. as Alternate I until the end of 2016.
- Bergen County Historical Society reminder for membership which we decided to join. Diana D. motioned to vote and Linda G. seconded. All in favor.
- Letter of resignation from Pat Fusco as member of the LHPC due to his move to a council position.

#### Borough Council Liaison Report:

- Pat Fusco advised that the budget meeting is coming up.

#### Old Business:

- Budget and Finances — John R. explained that the commission has two accounts; one contains the annual budget that goes away at the end of the year if it has not been

used; the other is a trust account with a balance that carries over from one year to the next. John R. to contact Myrna Becker again regarding request for increased funding in 2015.

- Historic Information Sign — John R. reported that we set aside \$630 from our 2014 budget and \$379 from our trust account for the historic information sign to be sited on Broad Avenue. The Boro Administrator does not recommend the sign be placed in the triangle, and will work with the commission to find a suitable location. Linda G. and David Braun will start pulling together photos that the commission can review for possible inclusion on the sign.
- New members — Mary Miraglia was invited but was unable to attend. Jeff Sticco was invited to come next month. The commission is still in need of a Class A member to replace Pat Fusco.
- Identifying 1910 - 1920 homes. Bernadette Flaim advised John R. that she is still working to get us a list of homes.
- Replacement of town's signs — The Boro Administrator provided a sample of the proposed material for the new signs and a drawing showing proposed layout of content. The commission's overall feedback is that the replacement signs should look as much like the existing ones as possible — two-sided with black recessed lettering on white background. There is concern that the White Aluminum Dibond with black vinyl lettering component will not be as durable as the urethane component, as the vinyl is apt to peel. We therefore suggest that the urethane sign be made two-sided (like the existing signs) and that the historic wording appear on the reverse side. This means the signs will need to be side-mounted again. John R. to provide feedback in writing to the Boro Administrator.
- Ferdon House — Pat Fusco to take a look at it.

#### New Business:

- Annual vote for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of LHPC. John R. was nominated and re-elected as Chairperson; Frank R. was nominated and elected as Vice Chairperson.
- 2015 Initiatives
  - Education: John R. to forward details of the CIRCA website ([circahouses.com](http://circahouses.com)) to Diana as a potential source for historic preservation speakers.

- LHPC on Facebook: Frank R. and Linda G. to investigate whether other preservation commissions have FB pages, what type of pages they have, what access the public have, and present recommendations on the feasibility of LHPC having a FB page.
- Town Calendar: David B. reported that the theme for the 2015-16 town calendar has already been set.
- Lind G. reminded the group that we should advance the idea of creating a historic district(s).

Meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Next meeting will be at 7:30 pm on February 9, 2015 at the Borough Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

John Roynon

Meeting was adjourned at 9:33pm.

Next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:30pm at the Borough Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,

John Roynon