

Leonia Historic Preservation Commission
312 Broad Ave.
Leonia, NJ 07605

Minutes of meeting of June 10, 2013

Present: Stephen Hutnik, John Roynon, Victor GonzalezGamboa, John Genese,

Absent: Diana Damon, Charles Silverstein excused

Council Liaison: Peter Knott

Guest - David Braun & Linda Green

The meeting was called to order at 7:36pm and the Sunshine Statement read.

The minutes of the May 13, 2013 meeting were read and approved with a few corrections: Chuck Silverstein did not participate in the tour because he was recovering from surgery; we visited the Carmita Sanchez-Fong home located at 205 Grand Ave. The meeting was June 10th not Sept. 9, 2013. John Genese made a motion to accept the minutes John R seconded the motion, all were in favor.

Correspondence: None

Council Liaison Peter Knott had nothing to report.

Old Business:

1. John G thanked Steve Hutnik for giving out thank you letters to all the home owners on June 2, 2013.
2. Every member felt that the historical tour was a great success. We had 36 people reserve seats and 28 showed. Everyone wants to do it again next year. We will start planning in January, 2014 trying to get other homes to visit.
3. Leonia Day: John R recommended that we get new boards updating the information about the town. He also recommended that maybe we can have a laptop showing historical places in Leonia throughout the day. Victor G recommended that we create tee shirts for sale on Leonia Day. He will research a company for the cost and report back to us in September.
4. Diana Damon was absent at this meeting but she attended a workshop on June 6, 2013 and she will give her report at the September meeting.

New Business:

1. Larry Cherchi asked Steve Hutnik if we have a list of the names of Leonia residents who died in the American Revolution, Civil War and the Spanish American War. David Braun will research this request.
2. Linda Green reported that Robert Metzdorf gave the Leonia Railroad sign to Barbara Marchant hoping that we can display the sign somewhere in town. David B will contact Barbara and contact the Leonia library to see if they would like to be the caretaker of the sign.
3. David Braun wanted to know how we declare a home a historic site. John G said we have to send a registered letter to the homeowner asking them if they accept or decline to have their home declared a national historic home/site. Once they agree then the LHPC members have to go before the borough and council requesting that they declare the home historic. The mayor and council will forward this request to the master plan committee in Leonia.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. John G made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Victor G, all were in favor.

The next meeting will be on Monday, September 9, 2013 at 7:30pm at the Borough Annex.