



Leonia Historic Preservation Commission

312 Broad Avenue, Leonia, NJ 07605

Minutes: Meeting of October 13, 2014

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

Council Liaison: Bernadette Flaim

Guest: David Braun

The meeting was called to order at 7:40pm and the Sunshine Statement read.

The minutes from the last meeting were read and Diana D made a motion to accept them and Frank R seconded.

Correspondence:

- Linda G was changed to a Class C member until 2017
- It was noted that Frank R's membership terminates at the end of this year, and will need to be renewed.
- Bergen Historic Preservation is accepting applications for trust fund grant program/ matching funds.
- Bergen County Historical Society invited us to become a member.

Old Business:

- Historical signs: Old signs are to be replaced by the town. Bernadette will let us know of any progress.

New Business:

John R presentation of 2015 Initiatives:

Overarching Theme: Celebrate Leonia Houses turning 100 (built 1910-1920)

- We first need to identify homes that were built during this era. Bernadette offered to check with a realtor to find out what resources they use to date homes. Otherwise we need to make a trip to Bergen County Clerk's Office, Hackensack to research dates at the Registry of Deeds.
- External resources: we identified the following as potential resources that could help us with our initiatives : Carol Karels, library personnel, photographer (Billy Neumann), Kevin Tremble (printer), local film people, history teachers, scouts. Bernadette will check out what relevant service badges exist for scouts.

John R and Linda G volunteered to research and compile initial list of homes turning 100.

Members signed up for individual initiatives as follows:

1. Education:
 - Point person: Diana D Action: Quarterly Presentations
2. Town Calendar:
 - Point person: David B Action: Contact Carol Karels, Aviva Levy
3. Timeline of Leonia's History
 - Point person: Pat F
4. Leonia Life "History of a House" feature article
 - Point person TBD
5. Leonia Day - update materials, create activities that engage public, slideshow.
Individual initiatives to be assigned later.
6. Facebook Page
 - Point people: Linda G and Frank R
7. Historic Homes Flyer
 - Point person: John R

Linda Green raised concern about the condition of Ferdon House, 215 Broad Avenue (corner of Summit) that is unoccupied and wondered whether it may possibly be condemned. John R will look into designating it as a historical property.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm. Pat F motioned to adjourn and Frank R seconded. All were in favor.

Next meeting will be on Monday, November 10, 2014 at 7:30pm at the Borough Hall Annex.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Green