**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

**MINUTES**

June 1, 2016

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Washington Township Historic Preservation Commission (HPC), advertised in the *Observer Tribune* and the *Daily Record* in accordance with the Open Public Meeting Act and posted on the Municipal Building bulletin board and the Washington Township (the Township) website, was called to order at 7:13 by Chairman Stokes.

**Present:** Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Leah Korbel, Susan Penney, Gregg Forsbrey, Ed Gagne

**Absent:**

**Minutes**

* **April 6, 2016.** Gregg Forsbrey moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Leah Korbel seconded the motion. Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Gregg Forsbrey, and Leah Korbel unanimously approved the minutes.
* **May 4, 2016.** Leah Korbel moved that the minutes be accepted as written. Susan Penney seconded the motion. Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Leah Korbel, and Susan Penney unanimously approved the minutes.

**Applicants**

* **Matt Frommeyer, Zion Lutheran, Schooley’s Mountain Road, German Valley Historic District (GVHD), B33 L44. Eagle Scout Project.** As his Eagle Scout Project, Mr. Frommeyer proposes the construction of nine signs on the Zion Property. Renee Feldman accompanied the applicant. Mr. Frommeyer presented drawings of the signs. The drawings included the materials and locations of the signs. Some signs will be wooden, some will be aluminum. Volunteers from the church and from the Boy Scouts will construct the signs. Mr. Frommeyer plans to complete the project over the summer. The project will be funded by donations and fundraising. Leah Korbel moved to accept the Eagle Scout Project as presented. Gregg Forsbrey seconded the motion. Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Leah Korbel, Susan Penney, and Gregg Forsbrey unanimously approved the project for a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA).

**New Business**

* **Historic Preservation Awards.** Awards were given on Monday, May 16, 2016.
* **Walking Tour.** Occurred Wednesday May 25 in place of the regularly scheduled work session. Was rescheduled from the originally scheduled for Wednesday May 18 but was rescheduled due to commission member availability.
* **Jake Brakes in the Historic Districts.** A resident is concerned about the use of jake brakes in the GHVD and the resultant vibrations destroying masonry and surrounding structures. HPC will make a motion to the Township Committee to pass an ordinance to ban jake brakes in the historic districts as inappropriate in the districts and damaging to the historic structures. Surrounding townships have similar ordinances banning the use jake brakes. The HPC members unanimously agree with this motion.

**Mail Bag**

* **Training Opportunities**
  + Seton Hall Annual Historic Conference will be held on June 8 and 9.
  + Joint Free Public Library of Morristown, Morris Township, and the Morris County Trust for Historic Preservation “Protecting Natural and Historic Places” series of presentations.
* **East Mill Sidewalks.** The HPC reviewed contractor plans to install a retaining wall near the existing steps at 19 East Mill Street. A Geotechnical Report is being prepared that will make recommendations for the retaining wall. The currently proposed retaining wall may not be possible due to the existing soil.

Eileen Stokes, Jennifer Gorini, Leah Korbel, Susan Penney, Gregg Forsbrey, and Ed Gagne unanimously adjourned the meeting at 9:06.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Gorini

Motion to accept as submitted by Susan Penney. Second by Leah Korbel. Approved by: Gorini, Korbel, Penney and Stokes.