# WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION MINUTES

May 2, 2018

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 7:30pm by Chairman Stokes and is being held in the lower level meeting room of the Municipal Building, 43 Schooley's Mountain Road.

### CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Meeting opened at 7:30pm.

#### OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

**ROLL CALL:** Cindy Boerner Lay, Ed Lichon, Eileen Stokes, Jessica Forman, Neil Szigethy, Kevin Salamon and Gregg Forsbrey

Guests: Jonathan Kinney and Jenna Solomon from the State of New Jersey Preservation Office.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

MINUTES: Apr 4 approved- Motion by Cindy Boerner Lay and seconded by Neil Szigethy, Jessica Forman abstained.

**APPLICANTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** Forum 2018 photo sent by Cindy Boerner Lay.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Meeting is being audited by SHPO as part of CLG compliance. Commissioners Boerner and Stokes took the guests on a tour of the historic districts this afternoon.
- May Preservation Awards—May 21, 7:30pm- Double check when the volunteer thank you meeting is. Nominations in closed session.
- Green Fest-Sept 8—save the date- Possibly getting the third grade's version of monopoly, or brainstorm something to entice kids.
- Look into the proposed maramures style Romanian church on Pleasant Grove Road in the place of the Presbyterian church. See if they are building a meeting hall, steeple or whole new building?
- Look into CLG grant for updating our bylaws/ordnance to incorporate the list of designation of local properties and look into our overlay zone plus formally edit everything.
- Liaison Gregg Forsbrey arrived at 9:15 pm.
- Talked about a possible tax abatement available for historic properties in town.
- Bert the Eagle- The Shade Tree Commission is looking into the condition of the eagle, conducting borings and determining the damage sustained overtime. Discussed the possibility of placing him on a pedestal, moving him and creating a replica.

**TRAINING:** June 7/8 – Annual Historic Conference, Paterson – Early bird ended April 30 Jessica Forman and Eileen Stokes signed up for the sessions on June 8th.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NPS Preservation Month Photo Contest- feel free to submit any photos with your family

Adjourn: \_\_\_\_9:48\_\_ N.B: Next meeting—May 16 worksession

Respectfully submitted: Jessica Forman, Secretary

Jessica Forman, Secretary Approved: July 18,2018