

**WARREN COUNTY BICENTENNIAL  
CULTURAL & HERITAGE ADVISORY BOARD**

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue  
Oxford, NJ 07863

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
June 21, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Rapisardi opened the meeting at 5:01 p.m. and read the Open Public Meeting Notice and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Laurie Rapisardi, Charles Fineran (left at 5:59 p.m.), Jane Primerano (left at 6:03), Rick Gardner, Nancy Miller

**Staff Present:** Corey Tierney, Gina Rosseland, Dennis Austin, Jennifer Correa-Kruegel

**Minutes:** The June 21, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Fineran motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Gardner seconded. Minutes approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENT- none**

**CORRESPONDENCE-**

Mr. Tierney referenced a letter from the state re: Jacksonburg Creek that was included in the information sent out prior to the meeting. Ms. Rosseland reported that the area was assessed for possible historical infringement on properties and it was determined that there were no conflicts or issues. Ms. Rapisardi offered for the board to voice any questions or concerns regarding the project or findings. None were made.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BOOK:**

Ms. Rosseland created a sample booklet that could be done on a smaller scale. It can still include all of the municipalities and ongoing projects. The board collectively agreed that it would be a good option.

**WEBSITE:**

Ms. Rosseland reported that the Mr. Charlton has already put the September 1 Bicentennial event on the website for the county so it shows up on all the related pages.

Mr. Tierney mentioned working on the online shop called spreadshirt.com, which Ms. Rapisardi advised us about at an earlier meeting. We were able to upload the bicentennial logo and people can order merchandise from the website. The website handles the processing, payment and mailing. The county remits the mark-up prices. Once that is up and running, we can link that on the Bicentennial website. We can still order things in advance if we want but we won't have to hold inventory. Mr. Tierney would appreciate extra eyes to determine how the logo looks on certain merchandise.

## **EVENTS:**

Mr. Fineran inquired as to how the concert event was going to work. Mr. Tierney explained we have the event from 5:30- 7:30 PM, and Mr. Charlton got Drew Nugent and the Midnight Society. Mr. Tierney thinks it will be a good event but modest in size. The church will be providing food and we will look into getting an ice cream truck. Mr. Charlton provided a list of other ideas that could be done at the event. One inquiry was wondering about gaining access to a 1920's cars. Multiple entities, including the commissioners have been invited to the event. Mr. Gardner made some suggestions on how to get some 1920's cars. Additional volunteer help is needed to distribute flyers. Ms. Rapisardi will put out some inquiries to local businesses and she is working on getting balloons, have a kid's corner and a dance area.

More ideas for the event were bounced around. Ms. Rosseland suggested a magician; Mr. Tierney suggested the bubble guy, Ms. Primerano suggested a woman on stilts and juggling and also face-painting and Ms. Miller suggested the bicycle guy to ride around the square.

Ms. Rapisardi said that WRNJ is doing a spot to advertise the event. Ms. Primerano suggested advertising through RidgeView Echo based out of Blairstown.

Ms. Rapisardi requested that people share the flyers and share the event on their Facebook page.

Mr. Fineran said he would have his Allamuchy table there.

Ms. Rosseland inquired about a specific task list for volunteers. Ms. Rapisardi doesn't feel that it will be much of an issue, mostly help with decorating. Everyone was asked to bring their own tables and chairs.

## **OTHER BICENTENNIAL EVENTS:**

Mr. Charlton provided a list of other future events the board might want to be a part of. Commissioner Ciesla contacted Mr. Tierney and Mr. Charlton about a Christmas Tree Decorating Contest for municipalities. The county would acquire 21 trees in bagged burlap and the 21 municipalities would be responsible for decorating a tree for the contest and then each municipality would be responsible for taking the tree back to their municipality and plant them. We will need to identify where to get these trees. Mr. Tierney suggested getting the trees from a few different tree farms in the area. We would need to come up with contest rules and location where to display them. Ms. Miller suggested themes for them and judged for categories. We also need to set-up a date and time. We would also need to decide how to judge. Mr. Tierney said we would call around to local nurseries to work out pricing and logistics. He inquired if we should vary the type of trees or try to keep it consistent. Ms. Rapisardi suggested whatever type of tree is the hardiest and the location be in a barn. Mr. Gardner suggested the fairgrounds as far as location. Ms. Miller suggested Garrett Park. Mr. Tierney suggested the Rotary in Knowlton. It was agreed that a place with shelter and electricity would be needed. We might need to hire someone to plow if necessary. Ms. Rosseland suggested a donation for entry. Ms. Miller suggested the weekend after Thanksgiving. Everyone is on board with the event, it would just be a matter of logistics.

Mr. Tierney ran through other ideas for future events and that the driving message with the kick-off event with starting to plan for the Bicentennial. There is a website and we have a shop to purchase merchandise with our logo, the historic sign grants and existing grants. Encourage towns to get involved and we can start to brand in a Bicentennial way. Mr. Gardner suggested a picnic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **NOTES FROM GINA ROSSELAND:**

Ms. Rosseland reviewed the notes that were sent out prior to the meeting and went over the highlighted parts. She requested help on the October 2 event to Celebrate the Furnace for it's (281<sup>st</sup> year) Day from 11:30 to 12:30.

Ms. Rosseland reviewed the CHPP grant applications. Ms. Miller motioned for a resolution for groups to receive grant monies. Mr. Gardner seconded. All in favor.

Ms. Rosseland also reviewed donations of portraits to display in the museum. Mr. Tierney suggested Ms. Rosseland make a recommendation for the board on items for the following month.

**NOTES FROM DENNIS AUSTIN:**

Mr. Austin reported that cultural and heritage supported arts contributions for the Farmer's Fair noting the Needle Arts building that provided a great quilt show. They also supported the children's tent, pirate theatre, 2 barber shop quartets, accordion stroller, Fido's flea circus, medicine man and a photographer.

Mr. Austin reviewed the Shippen Manor Concerts recently done with 8 performances and a total of 1,346 people attending and 46 dogs. Mr. Tierney inquired about one concert in particular where the attendance was 286. Mr. Austin said he does get concerned with events above 250 but it worked out well in spite of the tight conditions.

Mr. Austin talked about a Friday concert event on September 2 with a band coming from Louisiana. They are a zydeco Cajun band called the Pine Leaf Boys.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, Ms. Miller motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gardner seconded at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Correa-Kruegel  
Community Service Aide