

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

500 Mt. Pisgah Avenue
Oxford, NJ 07863

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
July 18, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Fineran called the meeting to order at 5:14 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Charles Fineran, Mark Young (6:22 PM), Rick Gardner, Karin White

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

Minutes: The June 20, 2023 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Young motioned to approve the meeting minutes. Mr. Gardner seconded. Minutes approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT-

CORRESPONDENCE- none.

OLD BUSINESS

BOOK:

Ms. Rosseland found a book at Shippen Manor that was produced by the County in 1965. She can use that as a template and update the pictures and information. It will be heavy on photos of the town along with modern pictures. She has done an introductory chapter already and the County presumably already has permission to use the pictures in the book. A discussion followed about updating the cover photo of the courthouse photo and adding a section for historic buildings. They will see what the towns submit and then determine themes in the book. Ms. Rosseland will compile a list of requests for the towns.

WEBSITE:

Ms. Rosseland is currently updating the site with thousands of articles from the Second Presbyterian Church and is almost ready to publish. She will continue to update as she reads through the articles. Her goal is to create a digital library. Mr. Fineran recommended asking the towns for postcards and family scrapbooks for the book and pictures.

HISTORIC MARKERS:

Ms. Rosseland reported that Washington BID submitted their application for the sign. Hope ordered their sign from their 2022 application. Ms. Rosseland will go and take photographs of where they are going to install it. She has not heard from Harmony Township.

OUTREACH EVENTS:

National Night Out-

Mr. Young inquired as to what was available for them to take for the events. Ms. Rapisardi has the rack cards. The tablecloths can be stored at Shippen Manor, Land Preservation, or by a board member to use as needed. We have wooden nickels, stickers and activities for the kids. Ms. Rosseland will send an email out when everything is ready to be picked up. Mr. Young requested t-shirts for events for volunteers to look more cohesive. It was requested for future events that they have inventory to sell.

July 22, 2023, 2 PM Event-

Ms. Rosseland did not receive any feedback from historic groups. The bubble guy and balloon arch will be ordered again. An ice cream truck was requested to make the ice cream free for kids. Hire a face painter volunteer. Mr. Charlton said that the food and band have been booked. There is a rain location inside the Presbyterian Church.

Notes from Ms. Rosseland:

Ms. Rosseland reviewed her notes and the 7 CHPP Grant Applicants, Round 2. The applicants are Frelinghuysen Historical Society, (Hope Creative Team, Hope Historic Preservation Commission- working jointly with separate items), Knowlton Historical Commission, Musconetcong Watershed, Friends of Ramseyburg, and Rutherford Hall. She reviewed a brief synopsis of each applicant. Two groups who received the highest review scores will receive \$1804 being Knowlton Historical Commission and Musconetcong Watershed. The rest of the applicants would receive \$1803, being Frelinghuysen, Hope Creative Team, Hope Historic Preservation, Friends of Ramseyburg and Rutherford Hall. Mr. Gardner motioned to approve the amounts proposed to be awarded to the CHPP grant applicants. Mr. Young seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Hackettstown Historical Society wants to donate old pictures of Oxford (late 19th to early 20th c.) in addition to an old store ledger of Dusenberry's store in Oxford from 1828. The ledger and photographs would be a great addition to our collection. Mr. Gardner motioned to accept the donation. Mr. Young seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Notes from Mr. Austin:

Mr. Austin reported that July has not been a good month. Between the rain and cancellations and band members losing family members. Drew Nugent and the Midnight Society decided to cancel. The Pine Leaf boys canceled due to the weather. Rescheduled for this Thursday, at 6 PM along with the sound tech. Moss Henry and Bryophytes canceled due to the weather and they are trying to reschedule for the Warren County Fair. Joe Cirotti canceled and is trying to be rescheduled.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the next meeting is August 15, 2023, Mr. Fineran adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Correa-Kruegel
Park Naturalist