

Thornbury Township
Historic Preservation Minutes
January 19, 2022

The January meeting of the Thornbury Township Historic Preservation Commission was held on January 19, 2022, at 7:00 PM at the Thornbury Township Building located at 800 E Street Road, West Chester PA, 19382. A public notice was published in the Daily Local News on December 15, 2021.

The agenda was posted on the Township website and at the Township building on January 14, 2022. Copies of the agenda were available for attendees.

Board members present:

Michele Thackrah
Randell Spackman
Nancy Needham

Board members absent:

Barbara Zippi-Och
Fran Ley
Adam Travetti

Staff/Professionals present:

Township Manager Judy Lizza

1 guest was in attendance. (Dick Webster)

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Michele Thackrah.

REORGANIZATION

Nomination for Chair: Randell Spackman nominated Michele Thackrah. Seconded by Nancy Needham. No other nominations were made. Vote taken. Unanimous vote.

Nomination for Vice Chair: Michele Thackrah nominated Randell Spackman. Seconded by Nancy Needham. No other nominations were made. Vote taken. Unanimous vote.

Nomination for Secretary: Michele Thackrah nominated Nancy Needham. Randell Spackman seconded. No other nominations were made. Vote taken. Unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Randell Spackman motioned to approve the September 2021, Historic Preservation Commission Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Nancy Needham. All were in favor. Motion carried.

ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:

1. *Recommendations for green area next to Post Office*
 - a. *Discussion of installing a sign like those at Squire Cheyney Park to provide a historical summary of the Township. Dick Webster to work on the content.*
 - b. *Discussion of creating a mural on the wall. Create a place where people could take photos; add to creating a sense of place and ownership; Next meeting to discuss designs; perhaps a map.*
2. *Review and edits to Website*
 - a. *Members reviewed the content of the HPC section of the website. No changes recommended at this time.*
3. *Virtual House Tour*
 - a. *Letter to be drafted to solicit residents to submit photos/stories about their home for the Virtual Fall Tour*
 - b. *Letter will look to increase HPC membership and general involvement with activities such as Brandywine 2022.*
4. *Discuss Town Tour for 2022 CCHPN*

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- a. *Due to calendar dates, HPC will not participate in the 2022 Towns Tour.*
5. *Brandywine Battlefield Marker Project*
 - a. *Randell Spackman will send wording for marker to members in an email. Importance to agree to the wording and memorialize the content prior to production.*
 - b. *Clarification of costs and reimbursement to the Township needs to be established. Randell will send an email copying the HPC and Manager to Peter Adams (PA Society of Sons of the Revolution).*
 - c. *Location of the marker has been determined along Thornbury Road. Township will need to relocate a speed limit sign.*
6. *Heritage Center Thornbury Farm*
 - a. *The project is being led by the Brandywine Conservancy to advance the implementation of Chester County Planning Commission's Brandywine Battlefield Preservation Plan and associated Landscapes Plans. This project will conceptualize three new Heritage Centers and a network of smaller-scale interpretive sites, to help continue efforts to tell the story of the Battle of Brandywine and the rich heritage of this region.*
 - b. *Draft plan is in the public comment phase until Jan. 30.*
 - c. *The center on Thornbury Farm is proposed as a 16x16 or 20x20 structure that would have displays with artifacts and/or movie presentation.*
 - d. *Requesting BOS support for the plan.*
 - e. *Exploration of grants for construction and implementation of center.*
7. *Brandywine 2022*
 - a. *September 24-25, 2022, this event is the 245th year of the Brandywine Battle. Reenactors from across the United States and Europe will be attending this event.*
 - b. *Public Attendance: 7-10,000 Saturday and 7-8,000 Sunday*
 - c. *Looking for support and volunteers – Thornbury Township to have greater involvement. Randell will write an email soliciting for assistance. Will be distributed to all Township Commissions and to the public.*
8. *Liberty Tree Planting (Celebrate America 250)*
 - a. *Liberty trees were symbols of the power of rebellion and public protest during the revolution.*
 - b. *Suggested that new plantings be made in the Township as reminders to the story. Randell suggested that the Park and Recreation Commission receive the suggestion.*

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

ADJOURNMENT: 8:30 PM NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 16TH AT 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Lizza
Township Manager