

ALLENTOWN HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
Minutes for June 15, 2023

The annual reorganizational meeting of the Allentown Historic Preservation Review Commission was called to order by Chairwoman Jan Meerwarth at 7:01 PM.

Salute to flag

Compliance Statement:

In compliance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," Chapter 231, P.L. 1975, Section 5, adequate notice has been given of this meeting by posting a Notice in a public place, on the Borough's website Allentownboronj.com, the Borough's Facebook page, the Borough's Twitter account and by transmitting a Notice to two newspapers, THE TRENTON TIMES and THE ASBURY PARK PRESS as required by law.

Roll Call:

	Present	Absent	Absence Excused
Allison Arnone		x	
Brian Mojta	X		
Cindy Malsbury	X		
David Bamford			X
Enzo Nini			X
Frank Cincotta	X		
Jan Meerwarth	X		
Nancy Tindall			X
Will Borkowski	X		
Vince Tavernite		x	
Bob Mayer	X		
Mayor Fritts	X		

Public attendees: none

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- May 18
Motion to approve: Frank; 2nd: Will. Motion carried
- April 4 - tabled

MAYOR'S UPDATE

- DPW property maintenance ordinance review. A list of properties that need maintenance will be looked into. Possible assistance to some homeowners may be needed

- Mayor Fritz asked HPC to get involved in fight against warehouse development. For example, contact commission and assembly people to express opposition
- Warehouse fight is progressing. The recent Asbury Park article with quotes from Mayor Fritz. Good turnout at Freehold meeting (60 residents). Gaining support from some assembly people. Also, preservation and historic groups statewide are lending support.
- Archeological dig could slow down the Stein warehouse plan
- Mayor Fritz will be attending an anti-warehouse workshop

APPLICATIONS

- 42 South Main Street – Re-side One Eyed Turtle section of the Mill
Cover over present siding with wood and batten siding.
Will moved to approve. Cindy seconded.
Motion passed

MINOR APPLICATION APPROVALS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Code Enforcement Officer's response to questions on property maintenance ordinance – see notes above in Mayor's Update

OLD BUSINESS

- Parking Signs
 - Based on a survey and analysis by Will, Enzo and Frank, Will made a power point presentation. Photos of presently existing parking signs were shown to reveal the inadequacies and in some cases no need for the existing signs.
 - Recommendation was made to replace the presently existing signs and eliminate unnecessary parking signs
 - The location of the new signs would be at:
 - Pete Sensi Park
 - The Mill
 - Lakeview – One at the corner of Lakeview and Main and one at the Lakeview lot
 - Church Street at entrance to lot across from Methodist Church
 - Gordon – One at the corner of Church Street and Gordon and one at the Gordon Street lot
 - Signs
 - Square signs with large "P" with a noticeable background color and where appropriate an arrow pointing to lot
 - Posts
 - Square posts, 4" X 4", with an arm extending out at the top that would hold the parking sign

- The arm could also be used to add a decorative piece above the arm

Motion

Recommend to the Town Council that 4" X 4" posts with an extended arm at the top be used for parking signs

Will motioned to approve; Brian seconded

Motion passed

COMMITTEE UPDATES

- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Next meeting scheduled for July 20, 2023