

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FUND REVIEW BOARD

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May 5, 2021, 7:00 PM

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by Chairman Fast.

Members present:

Amy Curry, Region II
Gary DeBiasse, Preservation Architecture
Edward Engelbart, At-Large
Lawrence Fast, At-Large
Jill Gotthelf, Region III
Ann Granbery, Historic Landscape Specialist
Edward Hanington, Region I
Martin Kane, Morris County Heritage Commission
Bethany Russo, Architectural History
John Solu, Building Restoration
Martha Wells, Region IV

Also attending:

Stephen Shaw, Commissioner Director (left meeting at 7:38 PM)
William Johnson, Esq. County Special Counsel (left meeting at 7:35 PM)
Joe Barilla, Morris County Planning Director
Ray Chang, Historic Preservation Program Coordinator
Public attendee on Webex (left meeting at 7:38 PM)

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS STATEMENT

Chairman Fast stated that adequate notice of this meeting, in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, has been provided and filed with the Town of Morristown, the Morris County Clerk, the Daily Record and the Star Ledger.

VIRTUAL MEETING STATEMENT

Chairman Fast read the virtual meeting statement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no comments from the public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by member Kane, seconded by member DeBiasse, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the Board's meeting of January 27, 2021.

Aye: Curry, DeBiasse, Engelbart, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Russo, Solu, Wells
Nay: None Abstain: None

RESULT OF E-MAIL VOTE

Hartley Dodge Memorial, Madison – 2017 Grant

Mr. Chang advised that the Board voted via e-mail by April 26, 2021 to recommend the County Commissioners to grant a 1-year second extension to the 2017 Plaza Restoration Construction grant for the Hartley Dodge Memorial with an expiration date of March 26, 2022.

Aye: Curry, Engelbart, Fast, Gotthelf, Granbery, Hanington, Kane, Russo, Solu, Wells

Nay: None Abstain: DeBiasse

TERMINATION OF HP EASEMENT

Glen Alpin, Harding (2005 ~ 2007 Grants)

Mr. Chang advised the Board that, as required by HP rules (Sec. 5.17-C3), the Township of Harding held a public hearing on April 19, 2021 to receive public comments on its request to terminate the HP easement on the Glen Alpin property. A summary of the comments received at the public hearing and the Township's responses were provided to the Board.

The Board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to hear Harding Township's presentation regarding its request to terminate the HP easement on Glen Alpin and its plan for compensation. The Township has posted information on its website under Quick Links "Glen Alpin Disposal/Diversion Application - Green Acres". Mr. Johnson indicated that the Board must determine what is reasonable compensation for this termination of HP easement. A Board member asked if any funds are returned to the County, would they be returned to the Historic Preservation Trust Fund and made available for this year's grant applicants? Mr. Barilla stated it was unlikely that the returned funds, if any, would be made available to applicants in the 2021 funding round. More likely it would be next year (2022) when any returned funds could be made available to applicants.

The Board was asked to form a sub-committee of 3 or 4 members to meet once via Webex to review the Township's request, including compensation and public access, etc. Members Engelbart, DeBiasse, Solu and Gotthelf volunteered to serve on the sub-committee and agreed to meet on May 13, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

(At this point, Commissioner Director Shaw, Mr. Johnson, and public attendee left the meeting)

2021 APPLICATIONS

Mr. Chang used a PowerPoint to present the 2021 applications to the Board. Each Board member has received a Handbook for review. This year, there are 29 applications requesting \$3.8M.

2021 REVIEW SCHEDULE

Mr. Chang provided the Board with the 2021 grant review and meeting schedule as follows:

Saturday, May 15 , 9:00 AM	Board Site Visit, via Webex
May 17-27	Individual Board Member Visits, via Webex
Monday, June 7 , 6:15 PM	Applicant Presentations #1, via Webex
Wednesday, June 9 , 6:15 PM	Applicant Presentations #2, via Webex
Monday, June 14 , 6:15 PM	Applicant Presentations #3, via Webex
Wednesday, June 16 , 7:00 PM	Board Deliberation, via Webex

Wednesday, June 23 , 4:30 PM	Funding Recommendation made to Commissioners
Wednesday, July 14 , 7:00 PM	Grant Awards made by Commissioners
Wednesday, Sept. 22 , 7:00 PM	Board Meeting, via Webex
Wednesday, Nov. 17 , 7:00 PM	Board Meeting, via Webex

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting is the Board Site Visits scheduled for Saturday, May 15, 2021, 9:00 AM, via Webex (for attendees):

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ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by member Kane, seconded by member Curry, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Ray Chang, P.P.
Historic Preservation Program Coordinator