

Historic Sites Committee of Warren, NJ

January 12, 2023

Members attending: Kari Quirós, Michael François, Leslie Ellerbusch, John Lindner, Rich Disano, Christy Cwynar, Debra Rebetje, Susie Boyce, Karl Horster

Members Excused: Rory Britt, Greg Fitzgerald, Erica Sbarra, Alan Siegel, Candace Benzel

Visitor: Gary Dinardo (new liaison)

Minutes were read and corrected.

New Business:

- A. 2023 Officers
 - a. Chairman: John Lindner
 - b. Vice Chairman: Greg Fitzgerald
 - c. Treasurer: Erica Sbarra
 - d. Recording & Corresponding Secretary: Kari Quirós
- B. Kirch Ford House
 - a. The work plans are complete and the Historic Sites Committee (HSC) is ready to get bids in the spring.
 - b. Work will commence in late spring.
 - c. More ash trees will be coming down.
 - i. There is money in the budget to replace the ash trees and the HSC will discuss what types of trees when the budget is approved.
- C. Baptist Meeting House
 - a. Reduced ADA compliance: a sidewalk will be added near the curb and the trough will be removed.
 - b. The curb will be lifted up (3" rise).
 - c. The work is slated for bidding and work will start in 6 weeks.
 - d. The daycare has agreed to allow the HSC to use their parking lot for events on the weekends.

D. Grants

- a. The HSC needs a grant written for funding work on the Hoffheimer House.
- b. The Town has agreed to fund a grant writer but the HSC will also need to be creative with other ideas to pay for work.

E. Open Space Funds

- a. Margaret Westfield thinks that a building needs to be at least eligible to be on the state register before being eligible of Open Space Funds.

F. Video footage

- a. John George has given the first part of the video footage to the Historic Sites Committee.

G. List of recognized and potential historical buildings

- a. Warren sites are not currently on the county list (that list includes churches, cemeteries, schools and recognized historic sites).
- b. The HSC needs to confirm what buildings still exist today.
- c. The HSC will need to hire a consultant to cross check how accurate the list is.

H. New member: Candace Benzel.

Meeting adjourned at 8:52pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kari Quiros, Rec. Sec