

Historical Committee
Minutes of the March 17, 2021 Meeting

Attendance: Christopher Vander Fliet, John Malchow, Maureen Greenbaum, Fred Hayek, Rita Sadhvani, Lisa Delventhal, Pietro Martino

Absent: Baburao Koneru

Presiding: Christopher Vander Fliet

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 PM

The minutes of the 2/17/21 meeting were approved.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Christopher Vander Fliet

- 1) He reported on the status of WWI and WWII displays at the Texier House. As part of this year's plan, Jason Ng Whose project was approved last month is seeking approval Patriot Path Council of the Boy Scouts.

- 2) Updates on the Legend of Watchung mural were provided. Jason Crafts is continuing his work with the interim storage of the mural. A location for permanent display of the mural needs selection. Bayberry, Valleyview and Watchung Hills schools, the Police department building, and an outdoor venue were discussed briefly at the 2/17/21 meeting. The committee intends to prepare a shortlist of the proposed locations over the next couple of months, and present that list to the Council's consideration.

OTHER REPORTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

A major part of the meeting's agenda was discussion regarding the proposal that township pursue an AARP grant. The grant funding, deadlines and potential projects that are suitable under the RFP were discussed in detail. There was a unanimous approval of the motion that the Historical Committee take a major part in developing and submitting a grant proposal that would involve joint work with the township's Traffic & Beautification and Recreation Committees.

John Malchow and Chris Vander Fliet would undertake the grant writing, and Maureen Greenbaum and Fred Hayek agreed to review the draft of the grant.

A provisional internal deadline for the application was set at April 1, 2021 to enable the Council to meet the grant official submit date of April 14, 2021.

The committee also recognized the contribution of Lisa Delventhal in assisting with the grant application development and drafting

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting was adjourned at: 9:05 PM

Submitted by:

Secretary: Baburao Koneru

NEXT MEETING: April 21, 2021