

Town of Clinton, NJ
Historic Preservation Commission Meeting
July 21, 2021
(Held on zoom.us)

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Richard Miller at 6:33 p.m.

Attending Members: Carol Beder, Carol Crawford-Jones, Marcia Hansen, Roget Mellick, Richard Miller, Kyle Perloff, Rosemarie Platt, Ross Traphagen, and Donna VanWeeren.

Approval of June 16, 2021, Minutes: Marcia moved to accept the minutes as amended; Carol Beder seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved as presented.

President's Report

The Chairperson thanked Council representative Ross Traphagen for his detailed work on the formation of the proposed Demolition Ordinance and Vice Chair Kyle Perloff for his extensive research work documenting the history of Gebhardt Field and the current plans, approved by Council, for its future development

Discussions

Historic Building Façade Grant Program was discussed in detail.

Demolition Ordinance: An ordinance amending the code of the Town of Clinton to add an article requiring review by the historic preservation commission prior to the issuance of demolition permits was discussed. Carol Beder made a motion that the Clinton Historic Preservation Commission support a demolition ordinance for the Town of Clinton. Roger Mellick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Old Business

Gebhardt Field

Kyle spoke of his research on the "Preservation of the Gebhardt Field and Grandstand Park Revitalization Plan." Discussion ensued. Members will read his documentation and submit comments to Kyle prior to our next meeting.

New Business

The impact of the closure of the Pony Truss bridge on the community discussion. The repair may take a couple of months. One side is open to pedestrian traffic. Signs have been posted to ensure the traffic can enter Main Street.

Face-to-face meetings of our Commission in the Leigh Mansion Annex will be resuming on the third Wednesday in September.

The Society of Architectural Historians has a membership at an annual cost of \$155 per individual. Kyle will research how the society could benefit us and volunteered to assume the membership role if no one else was interested.

The “Welcome to Clinton” sign areas need to be revitalized, and our Commission will further investigate what work needs to be done.

Adjournment: Rosemarie motioned to adjourn; motion was seconded by Carol Beder. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., in the Leigh Mansion Annex.