

Historical Commission Monthly Meeting Minutes – 1 May, 2024

Attendees: Doug Green, member
Jane Yeksigian, member
Mary Schlachter, member

Invited Guests: Representatives (moms and Cadets) from Girl Scout Troup #4136

Calendar/Meetings of Interest:

- Friday, May 31, 2024 - Monthly ChesCo 250 Zoom
- Friday, June 7th, 2024 – **Getting Ready for 250 in Chester County!** 8:30 – 12:30. Thornbury Farm, 1256 Thornbury Road, West Chester PA 19382
- Wednesday, Jun 26, 2024 Chester County Historic Picnic – (CCPHN will provide updates for this function). - CC 250 Monthly Zoom
– 21 September, 2024 (Proposed) -1st (Annual) London Grove Township Historic Home(s) Public Visit

Minutes:

1. The team reviewed the 2 April, 2024 “London Grove Historical Commission Tasks” for 2024 document, discussed discrete actions and updated the tasking status.
2. At the request of the Girl Scout (Cadets) Troup # 4136, the Cadets visited the Historical Commission to introduce their project proposal to make improvements to the African Union Church and Cemetery located at 816 North Guernsey Road in London Grove Township. Their excellent presentation included initiatives to improve signage, headstone and landscaping at the cemetery, the proposed schedule, budget needs, fund raising, volunteer efforts and next steps. The Historical Commission was very impressed with the scope of the Girl Scout efforts, and their enthusiasm in performing this initiative. Subsequent to this discussion, the Historical Commission queried vis-a-vis the Chester County Historical Commission, that the cemetery ownership was transferred to London

Grove Township in the year 1965 via an order approved by a county judge. We discussed the next steps, and a milestone to continue this initiative; that being formal application to the Girl Scout organization for their approval, as well as an on-site presentation to the London Grove Township Board of Supervisors (8 May, 2024) to seek funding and approval. After a few questions which were thoughtfully responded to, the Historical Commission encouraged the team to press on. Several from the Historical Commission volunteered to assist in the improvements if/when the project was officially initiated.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM following the Cadet's presentation.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, 5 June, 2024 @ 1 – 3 PM in the Township Building.

5 June, 2024 Historical Commission Agenda:

- Approve the May 1, 2024 Minutes
- Attendance at the Chester County June, 2024 calendar events
- 2025 Budget preparation
- Review and discuss the 2024 Task/action Item listing – update of our efforts.

Attachment: Action Item Roster – “Tasks for 2024”