

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE  
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER  
HELD APRIL 24, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Commission Members: Chairman Kurpis, Mary Bello Mutter, Michael Trepicchio, Maria Harper

**ABSENT:** Commission Members Maurice Burke & Jack LaViano, Council Rep. Al Kurpis

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**PRESIDING:** The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.; Commission Secretary Joy Convertini read the following statement:

**PUBLIC NOTICE:** "Notice of this meeting in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act Chapter 231 of the laws of 1975, has been given by posting a notice of the scheduled dates of all regular meetings of the Landmarks Commission of the Borough of Saddle River on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building and in the office of the Borough Clerk and by emailing a notice thereof to the Ridgewood Newspapers and The Record on December 20, 2012 and on the Borough website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion was made to approve the February 27, 2013 minutes by Commission Member Chairman Kurpis. Second by Commission Member Bello  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS:** There were none.

**WORK SESSION:**

**Saddle River Landmark Status, 124 West Saddle River Road, Goldfisher Residence:**

Jonathan Kurpis asked home owner Marilyn Goldfisher to explain the details of her property and she did so in detail at this time. This home and the one next door was originally built by Charles Tricker and was the anchor structure on a 14 acre piece of property along the Saddle River. Mr. Tricker established his business at this location and was known as one of the nation's largest producers of water lilies and also functioned as a fish hatchery. In addition, the pond on the property is a mill pond, with a working mill constructed at that time. She further stated that Waterford Gardens is designated as an historic property but the two homes on West Saddle River Road, which were originally part of the Tricker property, were not given this designation.

Marilyn Goldfisher stated that she feels that the historic district in the downtown area should have been extended down West Saddle River Road. She stated that she has done extensive landscaping work on the property but has left the home in its original state.

Jonathan Kurpis stated that he believes that the home was built in the 1930's, during the Great Depression, when construction was at a minimum. The home is on the National Registrar of historic homes but is not included on the Master Plan of the Borough of Saddle River in the historic district. He explained that, if the Landmarks Commission was in favor of this designation, this recommendation would get passed on to the Planning Board for their approval and their amendment to the historic element of the Master Plan to reflect this home as an addition.

Mike Trepicchio stated that he feels this property has merit to be designated as a historic property in Saddle River but suggested presenting a very concise and informative proposal to the Planning Board. He further stated that this type of home, which is classified as a Dutch revival, is significant as the style of home emanated in Bergen County and now exist all over the country.

Jonathan Kurpis stated that Charles Tricker took great pride in all of his endeavors and this was evident in both his business as well as his homes and property. He further stated that the interior of the home will not be taken into consideration when deciding on this designation.

A motion was offered to further explore deeming 124 West Saddle River Road a historic landmark in the Borough of Saddle River and to continue obtaining more information in preparation for submittal to the Planning Board by Maria Harper. Seconded by Mary Bello  
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

**OLD BUSINESS:** Maria Harper asked about the construction of a bank at 71 East Allendale Road and the installation of an ATM machine and this was discussed in detail at this time. This ATM was opposed in 2010 and there was some question as to its approval. It was suggested that former members of the Landmarks Commission be contacted in order to clarify the facts.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the regular meeting of the Landmarks Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini  
Secretary