

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD OCTOBER 22, 2014**

PRESENT: Commission Chairman Jon Kurpis; Commission Members: Mary Bello, Gloria Blumenthal, Joanne Kakaty, Council Rep. Al Kurpis

ABSENT: Commission Member Maria Harper & Michael Trepicchio

PRESIDING: The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

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 23, 2013 and on the Borough website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the September 24, 2014 minutes by Joanne Kakaty. Seconded by Mary Bello
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS: There were none.

WORK SESSION:

Chairman Kurpis stated that resident John Lasalandra would be filling the unexpired term of Jack LaViano, who has resigned.

A motion was made by Jon Kurpis to appoint John Lasalandra to fill the unexpired term of Jack LaViano, with the term to expire on 12/31/14. Seconded by Joanne Kakaty
Roll Call Vote: Voice Vote: All AYES

A motion was made by Jon Kurpis to have Ferne Lambert appointed to the Landmarks Commission in January 2015. Seconded by Mary Bello
Roll Call Vote: Voice Vote: All AYES

Joanne Kakaty stated that the Commission had made a motion last month to add Alternate Members to the Landmarks Commission. All members were in agreement that this would be beneficial to the Commission and would be implemented in 2015.

Chairman Kurpis stated that John Lasalandra would be an asset to the Commission as he is very involved with Wandell School and it is the Commission's objective to educate the students about the historical significance of Saddle River. He further stated that Ferne Lambert will be a valuable asset to the Commission as she has been working closely with the Bishop House Foundation for quite some time.

Saddle River Museum Landscape Project: Chairman Kurpis stated that the landscaping has been installed in front of the museum and greatly enhances the look of the property. Additional bulbs have been requested to be planted in the amount of \$500.00.

A motion was made by Jon Kurpis to spend an additional \$500 on bulbs to be planted on the Saddle River Museum property. Seconded by Board Member Bello.
Roll Call Vote: Voice Vote: All AYES

Council Representative Al Kurpis stated that a permanent foliage enhancement program was discussed at the Mayor and Council meeting which would facilitate the planting of pink dogwood trees throughout the Borough each year.

Joanne Kakaty also suggested that the landscaping at the Bishop House be reviewed as well, as it needs to be enhanced.

Chairman Kurpis stated that, after being appointed as Borough Historian, he was granted access to the historical files located in the Borough Hall. He further stated that he would like the Borough to consider allowing an office for the Borough Historian in the Bishop House.

The Bergen 350 Gala: Chairman Kurpis stated that he attended this Gala and spoke with author and resident Mary Higgins Clarke about the history of Saddle River. The Commission was in agreement that she should be recognized for her accomplishments, perhaps by participating in a reenactment ceremony that will be planned.

The Richard Nixon House: The Commission discussed having a plaque placed on the property adjacent to a path that many notable dignitaries have visited; the current owner would be in favor of this.

PRESENTATION BY GRANT HANSEN

Mr. Grant Hansen, owner of Relic Hunters, showed the Landmarks Commission relics that he has found throughout the Borough with a variety of metal detectors. Some of the artifacts included a cameo, coins, a cross bow, a tire pressure gauge to a Model T, a bugle and other miscellaneous relics. He will be donating anything of interest for display in the Saddle River Museum.

Council Representative Al Kurpis addressed the Marker property, stressing that there are no plans for the utilization of the home at this time, as it is not ADA compliant. He further stated that, if the Landmarks Commission would like to see this home preserved, suggestions must be made to the Mayor and Council promptly.

Additionally, he stated that it has been suggested that the Saddle River Museum add a sign on the building to make it more visible. Chairman Kurpis stated that the Commission would address this in January.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini
Secretary