

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LANDMARKS COMMISSION OF THE
BOROUGH OF SADDLE RIVER
HELD MARCH 25, 2015**

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

ABSENT: Commission Members: Mary Bello, Maria Harper, John Lasalandra,
Michael Trepicchio

PRESIDING: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 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 Herald News and The Record on December 31, 2014 and on the Borough website.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made to approve the February 23, 2015 minutes by Jon Kurpis. Seconded by Gloria Blumenthal
Roll Call Vote: AYES, Unanimous

REORGANIZATION

DESIGNATION/APPLICATIONS: There were none.

WORK SESSION:

Saddle River Museum Update: Jon Kurpis stated that Commission Member John Lasalandra could not be in attendance but wanted to convey that the curriculum is being drafted for Saddle River Historical Day, scheduled for June 15, 2015 with the Wandell School students. They will be visiting the newly-renovated Saddle River Museum to learn about Saddle River's history through time and view many artifacts from the Borough. Ferne Lambert stated that, as children enjoy participating in a hands-on environment, perhaps each child can bring an item and create a time capsule for future generations.

Jon Kurpis stated that the Museum is scheduled to open on May 30, 2015. The upstairs will not be opened as the railing is not stable at this time. He further stated that he did not want the Museum opening to have any correlation with the June primary election.

Library Feasibility Initiative: Jon Kurpis stated that he would like to consider having an honor system library, perhaps located at the Bishop House and this was discussed in detail at this time.

The Bishop House: The Commission were all in agreement that repairs must be made to the Bishop House prior to offering the facility to clubs and groups for their use. Many potential uses for the Bishop House were discussed; Ferne Lambert distributed a list of ideas for events that could be held at the Bishop House. Joanne Kakaty stated that the Garden Club continues to use the Bishop House but there are repairs, painting and updating that must be evaluated. Jon Kurpis stated that he would like Director of Operations Bruce Mautz to make a list of the necessary reparations. Ferne Lambert stated that committees should be formed, perhaps by season, in order to orchestrate the organization of different events to be held at the Bishop House, once it is up and running. The Wandell students will continue to

participate in the Language of Flowers program at the Bishop House, sponsored by the Garden Club. Additional ideas addressed for the Bishop House included a Kentucky Derby party, a pie baking contest, a pumpkin decorating event, a book club, and events for the Girl Scouts.

Council President Kurpis stated that, if the Commission wants the Borough to maintain and endorse the utilization of the Bishop House, there must be enough activities to warrant this. It was decided that the activities would be presented as follows: The Garden Club, a book club, the Girl Scouts and Brownies, a Holiday decorating event, a Santa reading and the story of Hannukah. The Commission's goal is to preserve and restore this historic landmark so that programs and groups can utilize this home and bring residents of all ages together.

The Commission addressed marketing, press releases and Town Journal articles that would bring awareness to both the Saddle River Museum and the Bishop House. The Borough website will be another useful tool in getting pertinent information about scheduled activities to residents.

Joanne Kakaty stated that the Ramsey Jazz Band would like to perform at the Band Shell in Rindlaub Park on May 27, 2015 at 7:00pm and thus far, this has been met with opposition. She further stated that she will continue to pursue this, as it would be a nice town event.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Council President Kurpis encouraged the Landmarks Commission to continue their charge of preserving the rich heritage of Saddle River and bringing residents together with this common goal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Joy C. Convertini
Secretary