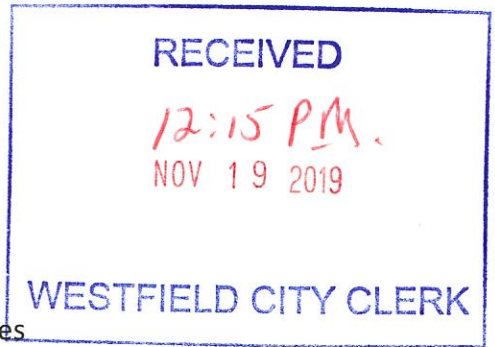




Westfield Historical Commission
November 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes



Commission Chair Cindy Gaylord as well as Commissioners Carly Bannish, Cindy Bronson, Ellen McEwan, Debbie Oppermann, and Amanda Goodheart Parks present. Commissioner Michael Ingraham absent. Commissioner Gaylord called the meeting to order at 6:56pm.

Public Participation:

Tina Hebert of Westfield is looking for advice about researching the history of her daughter's home located at 9 Myrtle Street. Commissioner Bannish reported that WHC has contacted researcher and former Commissioner Walter Fogg on her behalf.

Secretary's Report:

Commissioner Goodheart Parks, Secretary submitted minutes from the October 2019 Meeting. Commissioner McEwan made a motion to accept the Secretary's Report. Commissioner Bannish seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Commissioner Bannish, Treasurer, reported the following balances:
General Fund: \$5,125.00
Historical Gift Account: \$14,864.42
G/L Account: No report given from City Auditor this month.

Commissioner Bannish reported that she made a \$2,104.00 deposit into the Commission's Historical Gift Account on November 4, 2019. This deposit was from the 2019 Old Burying Ground Ghost Tour ticket sales and donations.

Mail:

Commissioner Gaylord reported that there was no mail this month.

Unfinished Business:

Coloring Book Update:

Several commissioners met ahead of the 7:00pm meeting to discuss this project. Further discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Jay Pagliuca Update:

Over \$2,900 in donations were made to the GoFundMe page set up in Jay Pagliuca's honor. The page has now been closed and the funds will be dispersed to Mr. Pagliuca.

New Business:

Old Burying Ground/Ta Mara Conde Update:

Commissioner Gaylord reported that she met with Ta Mara Conde on November 2, 2019 in the Old Burying Ground. The previously discussed goal for this third round of restoration work was

to repair the wrought iron gate as well as family plot fencing inside the Old Burying Ground. The total estimate came to \$14,000 to repair one family plot's wrought iron fencing. Commissioner Goodheart Parks expressed concerns over such a large expenditure for one plot, and asked if this estimate included work on the main entrance gate as well. Commissioner Gaylord confirmed that this estimate does not include work on the main gate, but that there are other options for securing additional funds through grants. Commissioner Bannish made a motion to allocate funds for the restoration work as described. Commissioner Oppermann seconded. The motion passed.

Historic Sign for Old Burying Ground:

Commissioner Bannish moved to table this discussion until the next meeting. Commission Oppermann seconded. The motion passed.

New Pocket Sites Tour:

Several commissioners shared ideas for potential Pocket Sites tours. Further discussion will follow at future meetings.

Commissioner McEwan made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Oppermann seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: December 16, 2019, January 27, 2020, February 24, 2020

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Goodheart Parks, Ph.D., Secretary
Westfield Historical Commission