

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE and HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING
Monday, February 26, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Dave Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Joanna Kipfer, Nancy Maitland,
Diane Peters, Garry Peters, Peter van der Maas

Regrets: Beth Lealess, Larry Park

1. Call to order - 7:30 p.m. (Nancy)

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meetings of January 22, 2018 and January 31, 2018

- moved by Ross/Peter that the minutes for both meetings be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Heritage Register – the latest draft includes over 200 properties; Marg Rowell has agreed to help identify those which would be most important to include on the final list

- Pond restoration/designation – Peter reported that a meeting with the consultants will be held at the township office on March 14th to consider input received and draw up a final proposal; Nancy asked to attend. The Friends of the Pond group will then meet again to discuss the proposal and set up a public meeting. Final approval will have to come from the GRCA. Nancy met with Jeff van der Baaren to discuss designation of the pond area under the Ontario Heritage Act

- Ontario Volunteer Service awards – these were last presented in 2014; we will be eligible to send in applications again in 2019

- Family Day – the Heritage Room was open – two researchers were present for most of the day

- Heritage Day for Wilmot Township was held at New Dundee Community Centre from 10:00-3:00 on Saturday, February 24th. Diane and Garry staffed the information display in the morning and Carol attended in the afternoon. It was suggested that we make up name tags for these kinds of events.

- the AGM will be held at the March meeting; the agenda will include nominations, elections, and reports

- Theresa Bisch has invested \$6860 of the Heritage account money in a 30-month GIC at a rate of 2.2%, leaving \$1500 in reserve

5. Communications

- Onland database – Service Ontario is currently in the process of putting modern and historic land records information online

- Upcoming events - Zion Lutheran Church in Philipsburg will be holding a 175th anniversary event at the church on Saturday, March 24th; a genealogy fair will be held at Kitchener Public Library on April 21st; Waterloo Museum will hold a Heritage Day on May 12th

- the January 2018 issue of the Waterloo Historical Society newsletter has been received

6. Curator's Report

- new acquisitions
 - a book of photographs of Wellesley Township donated by local photographer Michael Newark;
 - a funeral card for Eckhardt Reiner dating from 1903;
 - a letter from M. P. Empey written in 1876 during the International Exhibition in Philadelphia, where he was serving as a judge
- a new section has been added to our website called "Wellesley Roots" where family histories can be posted; the first entries are by , Lisa Boos, a descendant of the Cunningham and Stone families of Hawkesville
- a display of images of Wellesley pond has been set up in the Historical Room
- work has been completed for the report of the Cultural Heritage Landscape Study, through the Heritage Resources Centre at UW
- Web stats for 2018 –1393 page views/month (up from 1000/Month in 2017); Instagram statistics - 100 posts
- balance in petty cash is \$93.21
- research requests –
 - gathered information on SS#17 school for Waterloo Regional Museum;
 - also found information for Carole Gould from *Wellesley on the Pond* newspaper
 - Kirk Bergey - a copy of the 1894 fire insurance plan
- visiting researchers included Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt from Heidelberg and Jonie Baechler from Bamberg on family/land ownership
- the 1842/1851 map of Wellesley township has been printed and will be dry mounted
- nothing further has been done about computer back up – Dave will help Nancy with this
- one Wellesley DVD was sold at the open house on February 24th
- work is continuing on the backlog

7. New Business

- Dave offered to help redesign a new membership form

8. Other Business - none

- 9. Next meeting – Monday, March 12th, 7:30 p.m; it was agreed to schedule meetings regularly on the second Tuesday of the month

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.