

Minutes
WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
MEETING

Monday, August 13, 2018, 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carol Gregory, Jean Herrgott, Dave Holzschuh, Ross Kelterborn, Beth Lealess, Nancy Maitland, Diane Peters, Garry Peters

Regrets: Joanna Kipfer, Peter van der Maas

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

2. Delegations - none

3. Minutes of the meeting of June 11, 2018

- moved by Ross/Carol that the minutes be accepted as distributed. Carried.

4. Business arising

- Pond restoration/designation update – After Nancy presented a report to township council on May 15th, Jeff van der Baaren contacted the GRCA regarding designation. GRCA staff are preparing a written response, but it will probably not be in favour of designation.

- Heritage Register – listings for all settlement areas have now been reviewed. Nancy is working on a revised draft. Marg Rowell from Heritage Wilmot is willing to help us prepare the final document.

- publicity for fair prize listing – Beth will update the Facebook page.

- a newsletter was sent out by email in June. The next one will be out in September.

5. Curator's/Chair's Report

- the Society has the original copy of the 1862 surveyor's drawing of Hawkesville. There is also an 1856 survey map available at the Waterloo Region Museum, which Nancy has scanned. She would like to do a comparison of the two.

- the Lein family headstone from St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery in Heidelberg has been added to the collection and placed in a display case. Nancy has done some research on the family.

- Nancy will donate to the Waterloo Historical Society the research notes from Pat McKegney's book *The Kaiser's Bust* and several other research projects which Ron Hackett had previously donated to Wellesley Historical Society. These documents have a wider importance in local history and it was felt they should be donated to the WHS.

- some plaques and framed items were received from the Township office

- Nancy spoke to Mike de Rose regarding the donation of photos from the Schmehl family.

- Nancy will be meeting in early September with David Briggs from Ottawa who is the nephew of the photographer, Charles Ottmann jr.

- an inventory of the photo collection was completed over the summer and items will be rehoused in more appropriately-sized envelopes. We have 1069 photographs in the collection.

- more acid-free supplies have been ordered (\$324.94 + shipping). New glass for three pictures on display in the hallway outside the Historical Room was also purchased (\$50.80).

- two maps in the collection (1843 survey of Wellesley village and 1894 fire insurance plan) were printed and dry mounted) (\$137.63).
- website statistics – year-to-date average is 275 users/month; 1042 page views/month.
- a link to the On Land database of land records has been added to the website.
- Nancy spoke with Tara Bott who will be publishing a magazine for seniors and we will be able to submit material. Kim Kelterborn Banbury has started a Facebook page called *Remembering Wellesley*.
- owners of the Forrest house have asked for more information on their house. However, there is no file on it even though it is designated. Nancy will pursue this further.
- balance in petty cash is \$138.30. Theresa Bisch sent an updated financial report for the Historical Society, Heritage Society, and Koehler fund and this was passed around.

6. New Business

- Dave is continuing work on preparing an Excel sheet to compare information in 19th century directories of Wellesley township. He has also been talking to Maryann Gavin, daughter of Ralph Meyer, about having a copy of the Meyer Family Book donated to WTHHS. Dave also suggested that contacting Joe Nowak about donating to the Society the print of a horse belonging to the Meyer family which is in the mayor's office at the township. The print was featured in the March 9, 2018 issue of the *Rural Post*. It is attached to the minutes.
- Nancy has nominated Charles Ottmann for the Waterloo County Hall of Fame.
- Nancy contacted Stacy McLennan at the Waterloo Regional Museum for suggestions for a speaker for a public meeting. Nancy will check regarding availability of the community center. If something can be set up for early October we could advertise at the ABC Festival. The Historical Room will be open that day (September 29th) from 9:00-2:00.
- a copy of the latest issue of the Waterloo Historical Society Newsletter was passed around.

7. Other Business - none

8. Next meeting – Monday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.