

WELLESLEY TOWNSHIP HERITAGE AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY MINUTES

Monday, October 18, 2021; 2:00 p.m.

NOTE: The names and addresses of homeowners and researchers will be omitted from published minutes to maintain their privacy.

Present by Zoom:, Andrew Jacobson, Chair; Nancy Maitland, Curator; Lindsay Raftis, Secretary; Diane Peters; Garry Peters; Robert Nyman; Debbie Kroetsch; Kevin Hackett; Jean Herrgott

1. Call to order – Andrew Jacobson, Chair called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm.

2. Minutes from last meeting – September 20, 2021

Moved: Nancy Maitland Seconded: Diane Peters

That the WTHHS committee approve the minutes of the September 20, 2021 meeting as presented.

Carried

3. Communications

Wellesley Township Covid-19 Visitor and Onsite Volunteer Protocol Update – Andrew Jacobson, Chair informed the committee that he had received information regarding Covid-19 protocols from the Township and distributed it via email to the committee. Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to the Covid-19 Declaration Form requirement for volunteers. Nancy Maitland, Curator informed the committee that she has made a sign for outside of the historical room with the Covid-19 requirements for visitors.

4. New Business

Historical Room Opening Date – Andrew Jacobson, Chair notified the committee that the historical room opening date is October 30, 2021 and will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Historic Street Name Project for Wellesley Side of Heidelberg Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator provided an update, stating that Rosanne Atwater-Hallatt would like to take part in working on a storyboard in Heidelberg and Ms. Maitland suggested that Carol Gregory be the member on this project.

Robert Nyman Photography Project Update – Robert Nyman provided an update, stating that he has taken many photos and sent them to Nancy Maitland, Curator. Mr. Nyman spoke to the challenges of trying to retake photos with the vegetation growth in certain areas. Ms. Maitland will add the new and old photos to the website.

5. Old Business

Names, Nearly Forgotten Locations, and Communities in the Township Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to how David Holzschuh has knowledge of the Myer family and is gathering information for the names for an anniversary project by either WTHHS or the Township.

Emancipation Day Plaque Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to sample text for the plaque. Andrew Jacobson, Chair spoke to clarifying how Councillor Peter van der Maas would take care of the installation of the plaque. Debbie Kroetsch suggested a few members going to the site and choosing a location together. Nancy Maitland, Curator suggested making an event and get some publicity when the plaque is installed.

6. Heritage Committee

Non-Designated Heritage Register Evaluation Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator informed the committee that once this project is ready, Geoff VanderBaaren the Director of Planning is going to help WTHHS present it to Council for approval.

Zoeger House Designation Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator spoke to the progress of this project and is waiting to hear back from the owner regarding plans for the chimneys.

Township Co-op Student Update – Nancy Maitland, Curator informed the committee that she is working with the co-op student to create a better process for recording information of designated properties on the WTHHS website. Ms. Maitland, Curator stated that the co-op student is also working on the non-designated register for next year. Debbie Kroetsch suggested providing a link to Township staff in order to check designated properties to avoid issuing a demolition permit for a designated property. Ms. Maitland, Curator will talk to the Director of Planning and ask him to communicate this concern with the building department.

7. Chair Report – Andrew Jacobson, Chair

- Contacted the Treasurer at the Township and WTHHS will be receiving financial statements on a regular basis.
- Expressed the need for volunteers for new projects.

8. Curator's Report – Nancy Maitland, Curator

- Received a call from the Curator in Castle-Kilbride who provided WTHHS with a 196 business calendar from Wellesley and a number of deeds from properties in the Township.
- Final cost of the supplies purchased was \$275.78.
- Sent information to the Treasurer at the Township regarding the tax assessment rolls that are stored in the basement of the Council Chambers and are hoping this project can progress and the records can get transferred to the Waterloo Region Archives .
- Wrote an article for Embracing Change about the Youshoulda Boat.
- Added a section to the website called “Wellesley Then and Now” and that is where the photographs Robert Nyman is taking will be uploaded.
- Contacted the Curator of the Waterloo Region Museum regarding four other street views of Wellesley and have added them to the WTHHS collection, but will remain credited to Waterloo Region Museum’s collection.
- Continuing to write articles for Wilmot Post once a month, but not on a regular basis. Looking for topics to write about.
- Created a sign for outside the historical room regarding the Covid-19 protocols for visitors
- Added the opening of historical room on the website and will get it on Facebook and Instagram
- Andrew Jacobson, Chair has started working on a project at the historical room
- Received two requests for information regarding the Queen's Bush Settlement featuring the Brown family and a Great Great Grandfather of an Ehinger.
- Ordered a book regarding the Berdux family that was \$39.00 and was taken out of petty cash.

9. Financial Report

Andrew Jacobson, Chair provided the heritage society and historical society cash balances and Nancy Maitland submitted the petty cash amount:

Heritage Society	\$8,680.83
Historical Society	\$1,266.16
Petty Cash	\$68.32
Total	\$10,015.31

10. Other Business

Debbie Kroetsch suggested Nancy Maitland, Curator write a Remembrance Day article for the Wilmot Post.

11. Next Meeting: Monday November 15, 2021 - 2:00 pm

Moved by: Andrew Jacobson Seconded by: Debbie Kroetsch
That the WTHHS meeting does now adjourn at 2:56 pm.

Carried