

THE READINGTON MUSEUMS
MUSEUM COMMITTEE MEETING

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Chairperson Betty Ann Fort called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

PRESENT: Betty Ann Fort, Jim Horvath, Nancy O'Malley, Rich Grohoski, Joyce Lykes, Erin Brennan

ALSO PRESENT: Museum Administrator A. Hollander

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Museum Committee reviewed the meeting minutes from March 18, 2006. Nancy O'Malley made a motion to approve the meeting minutes. Joyce Lykes seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE: Noted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Hall House: Vita Mekovetz and the Township Attorney are reviewing the crossed off section of the Hall House Contract dealing with liquidated damages due to delay. Circelli Construction crossed this section off though it was originally included in the bid package. Jim Horvath will continue to monitor the discussion of whether this is legal and report to the committee.

Guest House: Kevin Fisher has spoken with the oil tank removal company. They have estimated costs of \$10,000 to complete the clean up of the oil leakage from the old tank. Betty Ann Fort will talk to the township about paying the additional \$7,000 for the cost of the work. We have only encumbered \$3000 to pay for this work.

Garden Plans: The Hose has been installed at the BSF garden. Currently the Grohoski's are working on animal proofing the fence, and they would like to make cedar boxes around the beds at a cost of \$239. Joyce Lykes made a motion to purchase and install cedar boxes. Jim Horvath seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The administrator will have the fifth graders plow the unplanted sections of the garden.

Pheasants Forever: A meeting was held at BSF with Pheasants Forever, The W.H.I.P. grant staff, Julia Allen, several members of the museum and farmer DiGeranimo. The schedule was set for planting and caring for the grasses over the next three years. Administrator will write an article for the newsletter.

Barn Dance: Administrator will confirm caller. Museum Administrator will not attend dance but will make sure that set up is in order and provide a check and contact information for the caller.

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Memorial Day Parade: Administrator spoke with Joan Matula about selecting students to join in the parade. We will have hand outs and hoops for the children to roll and a banner for the students to hold.

Fifth grade: Program will be held this year at BSF. Administrator will meet with teachers and go over any changes due to new location. Administrator will email Betty Ann Fort with the program dates. Administrator will drop off camp flyers and letter requesting parent volunteers for the program. Erin Brennan volunteered to help with the program the second week. Administrator will rewrite script.

New Business:

Sunday Open House: Township would like to use the barn on the date of the Sunday open house for an airport informational meeting. Committee approved use.

Colonial Reproduction Table: Administrator recommended purchase of table for BSF. Committee requested dimensions.

CAP Grant: Committee was unhappy with Paul Himmelstein report and has recommended all the changes the Administrator suggested. Administrator will contact Grant people to discuss options, should Mr. Himmelstein be reluctant to make required changes.

Museum Camp: Leslie Lykes available to work at camp again this year

McGuuffy Readers: Administrator given approval to purchase a set of reproduction McGuffy readers for the museum at a cost of \$20

Exhibit text: approved with editing changes for municipal exhibit.

Clock: Rich Grohoski took the Museum's 8 day clock for repair and reported as follows: The clock was made by WL Gilbert and company between 1851-1866. The date can be further narrowed as evidenced by the reverse painting on the glass which predates later decals or etching. Making the date of the clock between 1851-1855. Buckingham palace is depicted on the glass. It was made in Connecticut for export. The face is original. It is spring driven and has an alarm with a separate pendulum.

Joyce Lykes made a motion to adjourn at 9:15 pm. Rich Grohoski seconded the motion. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm. Respectfully submitted
Amy Hollander, Museum Administrator