

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL AND MUSEUM COMMISSION  
JUNE 10, 2015  
MINUTES

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission met on June 10, 2015 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room of the State Museum of Pennsylvania, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The following Commissioners were present: Ann Moran, Representative Scott Petri and Fredrick Powell. Susan M. Corbett, Andrew E. Masich, Richard Sand, Kate Eckhart for Senator Joseph Scarnati, Jean Craige Pepper and Rich Pronesti for Representative Robert Matzie participated via conference call.

The following staff were present: James Vaughan, David Carmicheal, Serena Bellew, Scott Doyle, David Dunn, Beth Hager, Brenda Reigle, Tammi Snyder-Queen and Howard Pollman. Rhonda Newton and Heather Hu represented the Pennsylvania Heritage Foundation.

The following individuals also attended: Attorney John McGee, Vintage Baseball; Guy Pulhemus, Crossing Legacy Foundation; Amy McClellan, Crossing Legacy Foundation.

**I. MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Masich called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m., he asked everyone on the phone to identify themselves. At this time, Chairman Masich turned the meeting over to Ann Moran to conduct the rest of the meeting.

**II. ROLL CALL**

In order to establish a quorum, Ann Moran called for a roll call of PHMC Commissioners.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Ann Moran called for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2015 meeting. Representative Petri proposed the following amendment to page 8 under Historic Sites and Museums, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph to include the following “which include the opportunity for his friends group to become a partner of the park and voice their concerns about WCHP and how DCNR may make changes to the historic property. Serena Bellow, Director for the Bureau of Historic Preservation, explained that because WCHP has

designated historic properties, DCNR will still have to ask for PHMC's opinion before undertaking any alterations."

MOTION: (Petri/Powell) Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 4, 2015 with recommended changes from Representative Petri. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

NEED TO INCLUDE GUY P. COMMENTS #12

#### **IV. ACTION ITEMS**

##### **HISTORIC MARKERS**

Ann Moran called for a motion to approve Historic Markers for the First PA Troopers Killed in Line of Duty and Nicola Monachesi (1805 – 1851).

MOTION: (Petri/Powell) Motion to approve Historic Markers for the First PA Troopers Killed in Line of Duty and Nicola Monachesi (1805 – 1851) was approved. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

##### **KEYSTONE HISTORIC PRESERVATION GRANTS**

Ann Moran called for a motion to approve the Keystone Grant Recommendations as presented.

MOTION: (Powell/Petri) Motion to approve the Keystone Grant Recommendations as presented.

Representative Scott Petri asked for clarification on what factors are used to determine Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3. Scott Doyle explained that Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3 is used when Cultural Historic Support Grants for Museums are reviewed. The Keystone Grants are separated into two groups; Preservation Project Grants (13 applications) and Construction Grants (26 applications). Because of the overwhelming number of applications the Construction Grants received they were separated into two groups (Panel 2, 3) for review.

9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

## **RETIREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

Ann Moran called for a motion to approve Retirement Resolutions for Janice Rose Kinzer and George Ellis; both employees worked with the Bureau of the State Archives.

MOTION: Powell/Petri) Motion to approve Retirement Resolutions for Janice Rose Kinzer and George Ellis. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

## **ARCHIVES FEE CHANGE**

Ann Moran called for a motion to approve the proposed State Archives Fee Changes.

MOTION: Powell/Petri) Motion to approve the proposed State Archives Fee Changes. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

## **V. OPEN DISCUSSION**

Jim Vaughan updated the Commissioners on the Archives Capitol Project; to make sure that we have enough money that the architects can move forward with a design that we want; \$1.7 million from the Keystone Fund was committed to the Department of General Services.

Jim Vaughan expressed his personal thanks to PHMC Commissioners. Over the last four years, with great support and active participation of the commission, we have completed an enormous amount of work and thanked them for their continued support of PHMC. Chairman Masich agreed with Jim Vaughan and thought commissioners have been open to new ideas, forged partnerships and engaged in collaborative programs across the commonwealth.

Representative Scott Petri reported that he has received calls regarding the Sunoco Pipeline and asked for an update on the project. Serena Bellew reported that the Sunoco Pipeline is one of several pipelines under review. Ahead of an official submittal, Sunoco Pipeline met with BHP staff on the various proposed potential alignment segments. We have been giving them our unofficial suggestions and shared with them the knowledge we already have on existing cultural resources in the various areas Sunoco is considering.

Serena reported that a Pipeline Infrastructure Task Force was recently created by Governor Wolf; she will serve as PHMCs representative.

Brenda Reigle reported to PHMC Commissioners and staff about the recent grand reopening of the Pennsylvania Lumber museum and exhibit in May 2015. Kate Eckhart said Senator Scarnati was pleased to be at the grand reopening and were very impressed with the facility and thanked everyone for their work with the Pennsylvania Lumber Museum grand reopening.

Attorney John McGee of the Anthracite Region Vintage Baseball Organization asked the commission why the proposed project site was relocated. It appears from the diagram of the proposed project site that accompanied the draft of the agreement, that was prepared by the commissions legal counsel, that the proposed project site has been relocated from the proposed project site which was designated on a conceptual site plan prepared by Attorney McGee's architectural engineering consultants which was included in the materials that have been previously furnished by Attorney John McGee to the members of the commission and to the staff.

Brenda Reigle explained that proposed project site by Attorney McGee has archaeological remains and Eckley Miner's Village would like to do public programming in that space and felt it would be better to move the baseball field west of the original proposed project site.

Guy Polhemus, Crossing Legacy Foundation addressed the commission about his concerns regarding the seamless transfer of Washington Crossing Historic Park to DCNR: the possibility of commercial development, destruction of the 19<sup>th</sup> century Village of Taylorsville and other areas within the park. Mr. Polhemus believes there still is a chance for PHMC to challenge the fiscal code note.

Fredrick Powell asked if there was anything PHMC Commissioners could do; he thought we discussed this over the years that this was out of the ability of the commission (PHMC) to do anything further about it.

Chief Counsel, Tammi Snyder-Queen explained that through the fiscal code, PHMC is obligated to enter into an agreement with DCNR for the management and operation of Washington Crossing Historic Park.

Representative Scott Petri believes the transfer of Washington Crossing Historic Park to DCNR is in the best interest of the park.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

Ann Moran adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

## SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

**20150610\_1** MOTION: (Petri/Powell) Motion to accept the minutes from the meeting on March 4, 2015 with recommended changes from Representative Petri. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

**20150610\_2** MOTION: (Petri/Powell) Motion to approve Historic Markers for the First PA Troopers Killed in Line of Duty and Nicola Monachesi (1805 – 1851) was approved. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

**20150610\_3** MOTION: (Powell/Petri) Motion to approve the Keystone Grant Recommendations as presented. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

**20150610\_4** MOTION: Powell/Petri) Motion to approve Retirement Resolutions for Janice Rose Kinzer and George Ellis. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

**20150610\_5** MOTION: Powell/Petri) Motion to approve the proposed State Archives Fee Changes. 9 in favor/0 opposed/ 0 abstentions. Motion carries (See attachment). ABSENT: John A. Barbour, Karen Dougherty-Buchholz, Senator Andrew Dinniman, Alice Lubrecht and William Lewis.

