

**Brooklyn Historical Society (BHS)**  
**Fall Meeting Minutes**  
**October 21, 2017 3:00 pm**  
**Brooklyn Township Building**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Dave Palmer was absent from the meeting as he was touring Europe. The President authorized Richard Zick, Sr. to conduct the Fall Meeting. Richard Zick, Sr. called the meeting to order and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Seven attendees were noted and signed the attendance roster. Mr. Zick announced the main topic of the meeting would be to discuss the plan to build a new Brooklyn Township Building and the space BHS would like to use in this new building. The current building is condemned and is planned to be demolished. The playground area will be extended in its place.

**SECRETARY REPORT**

Secretary Jacqueline Thomas was absent from the meeting due to family obligations. Patricia Button was acting Secretary for this meeting. Patricia read Jacqueline's minutes from the July 26, 2017 Regular Summer Meeting. No exceptions were noted. Mr. Zick, Sr. made a motion to accept the report. Richard Zick, II seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**TREASURER REPORT**

Treasurer Jackie Thomas was absent from the meeting. Patricia Button read the Treasurer's Report. As of 9/30/17 the balance of the checking account was \$9,422.37. The balance of the savings account was \$16,177.38. Jean Irion Jenkins made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Richard Zick, II seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Gazebo in the Old Cemetery:*** Cutis Stone gave an update on the progress to purchase a gazebo to put in the old cemetery. He has a bid for \$3,000. He spoke of the Lee family and told of their contributions to the area and the need to memorialize them. The money will need to be voted on and then a decision made on exactly where to place it. This should be ready for the annual meeting in July 2018.

***Submission of the Martins Creek Viaduct to the National Historic Registry:*** There was a discussion about concrete coming down from the bridge. The railroad may put a bridge under the bridge to catch any falling debris. The supervisors have been told this will be determined at a later date and no timeline has been given as yet.

There was no more old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

***New Township Building:*** Supervisors are hoping to locate the new building on the land that is currently going up for bid by the Bank of New York. The house there is condemned. They can accommodate a larger building if they get this property. The supervisors have been notified that BHS is interested in having an area in the new building.

Dave Palmer and Richard Zick, Sr. went to visit the Clifford Historical Society building on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Richard Zick, Sr., Richard Zick, Jr., Gwenn Diaz, Patty Button, (and grandchildren), and Curtis Stone visited Clifford's building on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Clifford has multiple buildings and it was agreed that BHS would not be able to have, or need, multiple buildings. We could do something similar to their main building.

R. Zick, Sr. asked what the attendees thought we would need. R. Zick, II asked what would go in the room. R. Zick, Sr. said the mural in the back of our current meeting room along with other items currently displayed. Curtis Stone has many things in storage in a building he owns. He also has items that he would donate to the BHS museum. R. Zick, Sr. also has antiques that could go into the museum.

A short discussion was had about who would man the museum. Lynn Sanders mentioned that Laceyville has a museum in the oldest house in four counties. They have a trained staff that gives tour guides throughout the summer every weekend.

R. Zick, II asked that we concentrate on what would go into the building so we could get a better idea of the size of the area we would need. Marion Sweet commented that lots of people contact The Nicholson Heritage Association to give them things to go into their building. Jean Irion Jenkins asked if we would take things on loan. After a brief discussion we decided it would probably not be a good idea. Nicholson has also decided not to take items on loan. Wyoming County Historical Society had problems with items on loan. Lynn Sanders reminded us to think about wall space and the use of isles and cabinets. Nicholson has a building with two floors that are 24' x 76' each. The preliminary request from BHS to the supervisors was 20' x 40'. We roughly measured the current meeting room for BHS and it is about 20' x 40'. The current meeting room is not climate controlled and not heated in the winter. The other floors of the building are condemned. Curtis Stone suggested we contact Betty from Susquehanna County Historical Society for advice. Lynn Sanders asked about an area to use for storage and to stage displays. Marion Sweet stated that Wyoming Historical Society has a lot of storage and can bring things down and back up to change their displays. The new Brooklyn Township Building will also be used as an Emergency Evacuation Center. All who were present are interested in being contacted to meet with the Supervisors to further discuss our needs.

It was noted that Canadian Pacific no longer own the railways. The current owner is Saint Lawrence & Hudson/Norfolk Southern.

***Tri-Cities Opera Donation:*** President Dave Palmer sent an email on October 7, 2017 proposing the BHS contribute to the Triple Cities Opera to help defer costs for students from the six high

schools in SQ County to attend a special performance of the new opera *Glory Denied* presented by the Tri-Cities Opera at the Opera Center in Binghamton. In that email, President Dave Palmer offered a motion to discuss donating \$500. Lynn Sanders has seen Operas presented by this group and said they are great. Upon further discussion it was noted that although it is a worthwhile cause, it seems to be outside the scope of our mission. R. Zick, Sr. tabled the new item requesting more information.

**Montrose Area Adult School:** Mary Lee Fitzgerald contacted President Dave Palmer because the Adult School is interested in a class about on the history of Brooklyn. The students are charged \$5.00 a class session and more for an all-day tour. They would be happy to make a donation to BHS as an expression of appreciation for participation. The deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup> for the course descriptions for the Spring Term. The President responded that he was traveling Europe and will return October 30<sup>th</sup> so it is likely too late to develop a lesson before the cutoff. We will look into it further for the next semester in 2018.

**Dennis Property and Black History at Mt. View School District:** R. Zick, Sr. noted that he had brought pictures from the August 22<sup>nd</sup> Dennis Property tour and the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting with Mt. View School District. The school district is going to develop a black history curriculum for the school.

**Spring Meeting:** The Spring Meeting will be scheduled for March 2018.

There was no more new business. R. Zick, Sr. motioned to close the meeting. R. Zick, II seconded the motion to adjourn. Refreshments were graciously supplied by Patty Zick and well appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Button  
Financial Trustee  
Acting Secretary for the Fall Meeting