

# Fair Lawn Historic Preservation Commission (FLHPC) Meeting Minutes for May 17, 2023

- 1) 7:15 PM Call to Order
- 2) Confirmation of Notice to Comply with Open Public Meeting Act
- 3) Roll Call

- Richard Ball- present
- Amy Hummerstone- present
- Howard Sperling-present
- Felice Koplik- present
- Leslie Frucht- present
- Ray Richter- absent
- Matthew Correia- absent

Quorum declared

- 4) The HPC approved the minutes for the 4/19/23 meeting.
- 5) Claude Bienstock, Larry Koplik, and former HPC member Pam Coles were welcomed to the meeting.
- 6) Main Street Program- Survey of Historic Sites:

Felice provided a List of Historic Sites in Fair Lawn sourced from the SHPO (see Attachment). Three of the 12 sites are included in the local ordinance: Cadmus House, Naugle-Vanderbeck House, and the Radburn Historic District. Additionally, the George Washington School Building has a certificate of eligibility. However, certain sites are no longer in existence: Fair Lawn Avenue Bridge and the Warren Bronze and Aluminum Corporation.

We discussed the need to update the List. Larry stated that additional sites listed on Fair Lawn's Master Plan should be added to the List.

We discussed procedures for HPC recommendation and advisement regarding designation, and if applicable, alteration of historic sites. Leslie stated that sites should be at least 50 years old and have documented historical significance. Larry stated that process must meet U.S. Department of Interior standards in order to meet Certified Local Government standards.

Larry pointed out that the List includes thematic nominations: Early Stone Houses of Bergen County and Operating Railroad Stations.

7) Main Street Program- Interview long term residents:

Rich discussed compiling standard questions for Program Night. In this regard, the Cadmus House is conducting a project to record oral histories, with Marc Colyer conducting interviews. Related to this, the HPC's Program Night will be a panel discussion by long term residents.

We discussed alignment of the panel discussion with the mission of the HPC. Felice and Larry suggested that the panel discussion should focus on historic sites Fair Lawn has preserved. As an example, Cadmus and Garretson were preserved by public action.

Felice recommended that Marc should find Marty Elter's *videos were videos compiled by him or do they record him* and reach out to archivist hired by Bergen County in 2020.

8) Review Brochure:

Felice distributed hard copy Historic Events Brochure generated in November 2022.

Felice stated that it may make sense only to have digital copies of Historic Sites Brochure, however Rich stated that some people appreciate having paper copies.

9) Public Comment:

Pamela stated that Fair Lawn's Main St. project team is active in marketing Fair Lawn and documenting its history.

Pamela stated that Fair Lawn will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roosevelt/Forrest School.

10) The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Howard Sperling