

Unionville Historic District and Properties Commission
September 6, 2018
Minutes

Present: Lisa Johnson, Matt Ross, John Brockelman, Chris Forster (alternate), Ann Vibert Wuelfing (alternate), Howard Martin (alternate), Sherry Horton, Shannon Rutherford (Town Planning Office)

Absent: Bob Hoffman

Attendees: Timothy Germano, Tim Germano, Olivia Germano, Michael Festa, Cameron Jett, David Williams, Edward Giannaros (Town Council)

Meeting called to order at 7:02

Chris Forster appointed for Bob Hoffman

Approval of Minutes: July 12, 2018 minutes (Horton/Forster) (M/S/A)

Public Hearing called to order at 7:00pm

Public Hearing

- See attached Notice. Timothy Germano application for Certificate of Appropriateness for trail clearing and installation of informational pedestals at 1806 Farmington Ave. (Suburban Park), Unionville.
- Timothy presented on his proposal. Intention to clear and clean up pathways, using small fallen logs to properly mark the trails. Timothy reviewed some of the history and features of the park. There are two parts to his project; research of the park, restoration of the trails and informational sign posts. Completion date is planned for Fall 2018.
 - Clearing Entrance sign area.
 - Clean litter and small shrubbery in pathways.
 - Mark trails with proper markers (colored blazes)
 - 12 total sign posts.
 - The entrance informational sign post is 24 X 48 with text and photos
 - 11 posts will be 16 X 18
 - Info will be printed on weather resistant material. Signs will be mounted on galvanized metal fence posts. Similar material was used at West District Land Trust property.
 - M&L Fencing will be donating the materials for the sign posts.
 - Farmington Display will do the sign printing on donation.
- Questions
 - Inquiry about the sequencing of signs was made. Timothy reviewed the different signs and possible order of a “virtual” walk through the park.
 - Suggestion made to mark the “sites” in a distinct color.
 - Suggestion made to mark the previous water features and sites.
 - Suggestions and offers of assistance were made on the text of the signs to ensure proper attribution as well as verify the information presented.

Public Comment

- Mike Festa: great work, focus on the trails and their conditions.
- Olivia Germano spoke to the research on the project and the means by which the park evolved. Newspaper articles provided a lot of the information.

In the interest of ensuring a superior result, the Commission wants to work with Timothy within the next month on the refinement of the text and content and vote on the COA at the October meeting. Trail clearing may proceed prior to the COA approval, as it is not in the purview of the Commission.

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Historic House tour

- An article will be featured in the next issue of the Valley Life.
- The EventBrite is set up and taking “reservations”. We have two scheduled tours, a total of 30 individuals.
- Insurance is covered by the town.
- Day of:
 - Food
 - Balloons – Bob
- Lisa reviewed the draft tour and schedule
- Homeowners to provide the script for their homes with a focus on its part of the Unionville Historic District.
- A request will be made to museum for a representative to speak at the reception

Membership Solicitation – Spring Initiative

- Letters have been sent out.
- Council is voting on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 on our current expansion. All responses were positive.

1685 Farmington Avenue (Riendeau) would like to replace a portion of their cedar fence. It is like for like material and therefore does not require a COA

Demolition permit for 440 Plainville Avenue was received.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM MJR