

October 10, 2017 Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board Meeting

The October 10, 2017 Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board Meeting was held at Eric Gerst's home, 7:30pm. The reason for the change of venue was a mix-up with Willistown Township as a meeting was in progress in our usual meeting room.

Attendees: Eric Gerst, Chairman; Board Members Ed Johnston and Tina Conn. Not present: Board Members Rosario Scalia and John Garvey

Also present: Willistown Township Public Works Director Bill Hagan, Beris Fairclough, Assistant to Mr. Gerst, and Carol Gerst. Not present: Newtown Township Public Works Director George Sharretts

Minutes were distributed by Tina Conn.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Hagen, Public Works Director Willistown Township, was present but no report.

Chairman's Report - Eric Gerst thanked Bill Hagen for the work done on the Willistown Township side. The work will help direct the water away from the bridge abutments. A Policy Statement was reviewed as to the Operation of the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board as a Separate Entity from the Friends of the Bartram Bridge Historical Society, PA 501(c)3. Going forward there will be separate meetings for each entity and as already stated separate treasuries. I will attach that document to the minutes.

Vice Chair/Construction Committee Report - Ed Johnston reported that he met at the bridge with Joel DeFraytis, engineer for the bridge. Joel was unable to attend this meeting, but has some suggestions for the order of repairs.

Francis Hall Insurance Services is our D and O insurer. The current premium has been paid.

Historian Report - Chris Gallagher, our historian, was not present. No report.

Website/Fundraising – Ed reported that the website is still being worked on. We need to have it set up so that we can take contributions for our 501 (c)(3) and payment for the "Bartram Covered Bridge: Spanning History" book and other items that we might have for sale for fundraising. A discussion was held with all attendees regarding fundraising. During this discussion, we decided that we should be looking for someone to head up our fundraising effort. The members of the Board do not have much expertise in this area.

Next meeting for the Bartram Bridge Joint Preservation Board is scheduled for the second Tuesday in January, which will be January 9, 2017, at 7:30pm at the Newtown Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Conn