

# **BOROUGH OF ASHLAND**

County of Schuylkill, Pennsylvania

## **RESOLUTION**

2015-4-1

### **A RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE PENNSYLVANIA'S STATEWIDE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN 2012-2017**

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH OF ASHLAND understands that the irreplaceable historical, architectural, archaeological, and cultural heritage of this Commonwealth should be preserved and protected for the benefit of all the people, including future generations, and;

WHEREAS, Section 301 of the Municipalities Planning Code requires local governments to identify a plan for historic preservation and the adoption of relevant goals of the Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan is a step in fulfilling that requirement;

WHEREAS, the BOROUGH OF ASHLAND has expressed interest in the endorsement of Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will assist in the implementation at the local level;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, the BOROUGH OF ASHLAND ENDORSES Pennsylvania's Statewide Historic Preservation Plan and will take the following actions to implement relevant goals and objectives:

#### Local Action:

- A. Create a comprehensive historic resources inventory to help identify places of local significance that will also be shared with Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission's Bureau for Historic Preservation (BHP).

B. Identify ways that cultural and historic resources can (or do) contribute to local community character, quality of life, and economic growth potential.

C. Evaluate municipal planning policies and regulations to ensure that these policies address the community's historic preservation needs to the greatest extent possible. A thorough review of municipal code and zoning ordinances, planning procedures and other regulatory mechanisms is essential to advancing preservation and making the highest and best use of historic resources.

#### Training:

A. Alert municipal staff and local partner organizations to the requirements of the Pennsylvania History Code, Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and consultation obligations required when state and federal funding are used for projects and request training from the BHP staff when necessary.

B. Seek training for the municipality's Historic Preservation Commission or Historic Architectural Review Board to ensure that the review process is professional and fair.

#### Signs and Markers:

A. Submit a historical marker application to BHP for persons, places, or events that have statewide or national significance.

B. Take action or partner with local preservation advocates to interpret history in public spaces (public gathering areas, parks, and trails) that would benefit from the addition of a sign, marker, or media tag to educate people about community history.

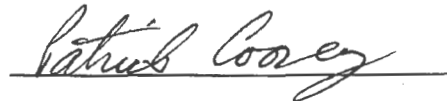
Outreach and Funding:

A. Identify all active, preservation-related, grassroots advocacy groups, reach out to them and seek their support in working toward preservation goals and priorities.

B. Seek out grants, state and federal funding and philanthropic donations to conduct historic preservation projects; as a Certified Local Government, the BOROUGH OF ASHLAND, the municipality, is specifically eligible to receive federal funding through the National Park Service.

RESOLVED this 8 day of April, 2015

BOROUGH OF ASHLAND



Patrick Cooney, President

Attest:

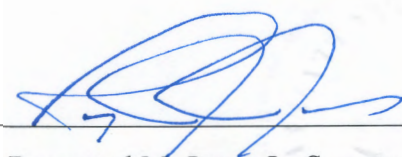


Raymond M. Jones, Secretary

## CERTIFICATION

I, Raymond M. Jones Jr., Secretary of Ashland Borough, hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was duly adopted by the majority of the Members of the Ashland Borough Council at a meeting held on the 8th day of April, 2015 duly called and advertised and at which a quorum was present.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 15th day of April, 2015



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Raymond M. Jones Jr, Secretary