

**EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016**

**Attendance:** Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member). Absent: Gail Brown (Chairperson).

**The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by S. Fitzgerald, Vice Chairperson.**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** A motion was made by A. Keen to accept the Wednesday, March 9, 2016 meeting minutes which was seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 4-0-0.

**Public Comments:** None

**New Business**

Discussion on Fricks Locks script to include the Iron and Steel Heritage – Powering Freedom: Three books from G. Brown’s personal collection were given to S. Fitzgerald to research and add text to our tour script.

**Old Business**

1. Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting of Tuesday, March 15, 2016. A report on this meeting was given by P. Morton. Only three members were present therefore the meeting was very informal and short. B. Rodgers, Township Manager, stated that the township Board of Supervisors approved Dale Frens’, of Frens and Frens, LLC, feasibility study for Fricks Locks Village. Dave Stauffer provided updated information on the progress of the Schuylkill Trail.
2. 2016 Kick Off of the Chester County 300<sup>th</sup> Year of Iron and Steel: S. Fitzgerald attended the meeting on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 and gave a report. Barbara Cohen led the discussion at the Schuylkill River Heritage Center in Phoenixville, Pa. About 80 people attended.
3. Historic Yellow Springs will have a trolley tour of sites that supplied products to aid the fight for freedom in the founding of our country on Thursday, July 14, 2016 from 3:00 – 7:00 p.m. Reservations required by calling 610-827-7414.
4. “Reading Eagle” article of Sunday, March 13, 2016 was circulated. Reporter, Holly Herman, met with several Stakeholders for a tour of Fricks Locks Village in order to write the article.

**Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen**

The Koury Tract Lot Line Adjustment/Annexation Preliminary/Final Plan hasn’t gone to the Planning Commission yet. L. Tietjen reviewed the plans provided. Another lot line change, the Reitnour & Silverberg/Skelton plan, also has not yet gone to the Planning Commission. The lot of about 32 acres is

from Ellis Woods Rd. extending to Ridge Rd. and has potential for open space in the future. It is a minor subdivision.

L. Tietjen participated in a 10K run to raise funds to repair the historic wall on the Maack property open space. The event was organized by the East Coventry Parks and Recreation Commission and was held on March 19, 2016.

### **Committees**

1. Oral History Committee: S. Fitzgerald (Chairperson). Scott called Isabel Rosewarne again to set up an interview with no success. He will attempt it again later.
2. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). Transferring information on the computer to the card file as back-up. Also working on obtaining archival boxes.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton (Co-Chairpersons). 2016 season tour brochures and posters have been prepared and are ready for distribution.

### **Other Business**

1. Chester County Historical Society is hosting a Symposium on Saturday, April 16, 2016 on “The Sixties – The Age of Aquarius in Chester County”.
2. Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards: submission deadline is Monday, May 16, 2016.

### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by A. Keen to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. and was seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary