

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Wednesday, March 25, 2009  
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

*(Pledge of Allegiance)*

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

**Attendance:** Gail Brown (Chairman), Jim Michael (Vice Chairman-Absent), Lynn Coine (Member), Ann Keen (Member), Rugene Caldwell (Member), Larry Tietjen (Member), Rich Marchetti (Member-Absent), Phyl Snyder (Secretary)

**Public Comment** – Rupert Miller was present with his mother to earn a badge for his Boy Scout Troop.

**DCNR Grant** –

G. Brown distributed a copy of the letter she had composed at Karen Nocella's (Chairman of the East Coventry Township Parks & Recreation) request verifying the East Coventry Historical Commission's support of the application for grants to purchase the Maack Property (- i.e. Wineberry Estates. This approximate thirty (30) acres would increase the property already owned by East Coventry Township ( 55.44 acres) to 85.44 acres of open space. The proposed property would be extremely beneficial to our community.

P. Snyder made the motion to present the letter to Karen Nocella and L. Tietjen seconded it. The motion was approved 6-0-0. (Letter signed by all members present.)

L. Tietjen attended the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting and was impressed with the idea of horse and public walking trails which would tie in with the historical property.

**Action/ Discussion Items**

G. Brown distributed copies of historical photographs of the old church of the Brethren and the parsonage.

**Proposed Historical Commission update to the East Coventry Historical Commission Webpage.**

J. Michael had researched and compiled an extensive collection of historical information on East Coventry Township. This workshop was scheduled to review and condense this information to be utilized as part of the existing Township web page.

G. Brown presented various web pages from Chester County Townships and Boroughs for review and consideration by the Historical Commission. The majority of these contained a brief history of the Township or Borough, a list of members, a Mission Statement, annual goals, a few historical photographs and current projects. It was noted that many stated an outreach to the township's residents for any historical knowledge and artifacts. Many other Townships were in process of recording 'oral histories' from local residents.

L. Coine made the motion to turn down the current website proposal and to start over.

R. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

Suggestions:

Research other websites

Condense to two to four pages..

Tailored to our township.

Review and approval by the Historical Commission members.

Present to the Board of Supervisors for review and approval..

The website will be discussed at another workshop meeting (tentatively May 27, 2009) having more specific input from the Historical Commission.

### **Workshops**

Chester County Historical Preservation Network Spring Workshop, March 14, 2009 - Fund Raising and Grant Writing

G. Brown and P. Snyder to report next meeting.

Schuylkill River Heritage Trails, Town Trails Seminar, March 19, 2009

G. Brown and R. Caldwell to report next meeting.

Discussion followed about how much commercial potential would be available to East Coventry.

### **Chester County Historical Society Membership**

P. Snyder and L. Coine were given the two membership cards at their request and with the consent of the other members. These two cards are to be shared with other members at their request. G. Brown gave the complimentary passes to Ann Keen to be used by any member of East Coventry Historical Commission.

Harvey Kulp is reported to be very ill. Harvey was a long and loyal member of the East Coventry Historical Commission and a very active historian of our township. His historical knowledge of our Township is extensive and he is always available to share his knowledge with members of our community.

P. Snyder made the motion to adjourn and L. Coine seconded the motion.

The motion was accepted 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Snyder  
Secretary