

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

MAY 9, 2012

Attendance: Rosemarie Miller (Chairperson), Gail Brown (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Phyllis Snyder (Member), Larry Tietjen(Member), Ann Keen(Member), Rugene Caldwell(Member), Mariea Geho(East Coventry Township Supervisor Liaison), Jane Davidson(East Coventry Township Historical Consultant), Dale Frens(Frick's Locks Historical Architect).

Meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Rosemarie Miller, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: The April, 2012 meeting minutes were approved as amended. Motion by Gail Brown; seconded by Ann Keen. 4-0-3

Public Comment

Mr. Mike Osiol, a local historian who resides at 92 Savage Rd., Pottstown, Pa., was present. He had two questions: 1) Do we have a date base on historic properties in this township? He was told to call ahead for an appointment to research public records. 2) Do we have 1800's maps of the township? He was told that Chester County Planning Committee has copies.

Action Items:

Presentation by Dale Frens on Frick's Locks Construction. One set of construction documents given to Jane Davidson for her review to see if in compliance with condition 3 of the Certificates of Appropriateness. One set given to Mariea Geho for Township files.

Lorenzon Brothers Company of Philadelphia was recommended as contractor to Exelon. Copies of the pricing sheet was distributed and explained by D. Frens. The alternate breakdown explanation sheet from specs was provided. D. Frens recommends going with Exelon's base bids. J. Davidson concurs with Dale on weatherization of resources as a priority using historic materials.

Motion to accept Dale Frens' recommendations in a discussion about alternates especially for B-7 Manor House, B-9 1757 Farm House, B-14 Boxwood Lodge, B-15 Canal Store. The Historical Commission moves to accept Dale Frens' recommendations for the aforementioned historic resources as illustrated in Exhibit 1-A. Motion made by R. Caldwell, seconded by L. Tietjen. Roll call: Rosemarie Miller-aye, Gail Brown-aye, Penny Morton-aye, Phyllis Snyder-aye, Larry Tietjen-aye, Ann Keen-aye, and Rugene Caldwell-aye. Accepted 7-0-0.

Larry suggested that Dale provide monthly updates to Historical Commission to summarize construction progress. Also, to schedule occasional walk-throughs for commission members. Dale offered to provide pictures of progress.

Jane Davidson gave a summary of the background of Wyebrook Farm where the volunteer dinner will be held on June 20, 2012. A head count for attendance was taken.

Jane Davidson gave a briefing on the FAM tour of Frick's Locks Village to be held on May 24, 2012. The schedule of activities is as follows:

- 8:30am- Historical Commission members arrive at the township building.
- 9:30-9:45- coffee, juice, bagels, and Danish rolls.
- 9:45am- Welcome speech by Rosemarie Miller.
- 9:50-10:15am- Exelon presentation.
- 10:15-10:25am- Chester County Schuylkill River presentation.
- 10:25-10:30am-Schuylkill River Greenway Association wrap-up.
- Q & A period about Frick's Locks.
- Board cars/van and go to Frick's Locks Village. Walking tour should take about 45 minutes.

Historical Commission responsibilities: Arrive at township building at 8:30am, someone needs to video record the village tour, still shots need to be taken during the meeting and at site, and we need to welcome people, have a sign-in sheet and table making sure people sign in and provide name tags. Portfolios will be assembled by Jeanie Liggett which will contain a Frick's Locks calendar, Iron and Steel Tour brochure, and a Town Tours/Village Walks brochure.

Archival files were purchased on 4/28/2012. Jane met with Phyllis and Ann and suggested they come to Wallace Township and work with Sandy Brannan on organizing archives.

Tuesday, April 17, 2012: we have now received the official copy of the Frick's Locks National Register Historic District nomination as designated by the Secretary of the Interior in Washington, D.C. It was received on April 17, 2012 at 11:11AM.

Jane Davidson gave an update report on the feasibility study.

Old Business

Community Day is June 9, 2012 at the township park. We need to know who will attend.

New Business

Rugene Caldwell donated books for Historical Commission members; also pictures and older Friends of the Arts booklets for our archives. She also submitted her letter of resignation from the Historical Commission effective May 31, 2012. A motion to accept the resignation was made by Phyllis Snyder and seconded by Penny Morton. Passed 7-0-0.

Adjournment- 9:37pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary