

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
September 8, 2010
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

(Pledge of Allegiance)

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes

The Minutes of August 11, 2010 were reviewed. R. Caldwell made a motion to accept the Minutes.

G. Brown seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

The Minutes of August 2, 2010 Workshop – (discussion of SALDO) were reviewed. P. Snyder made a motion

to ratify the Minutes. R. Miller seconded the motion. The motion was ratified unanimously 7-0-0.

The Minutes of August 19, 2010 Workshop were reviewed. R. Caldwell made a motion to ratify the Minutes.

P. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was ratified unanimously 7-0-0.

The Final Report was reviewed. P. Snyder made a motion to ratify the Final Report of SALDO.

R. Miller seconded the motion. The motion was ratified unanimously 7-0-0.

The Final Report of the Workshop on SALDO was turned over to B. Rodgers. There will be on-going meetings

concerning our changes. The Historical Commission (HC) has done their part in requesting these changes.

The lawyers and the Township Supervisors will decide the final SALDO Ordinance.

Public Comment: Marie Geho from the East Coventry Board of Supervisors was a visitor. Keith Taylor (604 Kulp Road) was inquiring about historical information on his property. He was referred to the Chester County Historical Society.

Old Business

- Planning Commission
L. Tietjen spoke of T-Mobile's plan to attach the cell phone tower on the top of the existing structure on Old Schuylkill and Ellis Woods Roads. The Historical Commission needs to determine whether a Section 106 and/or a Cultural Resource Notice is required.

R. Miller made the motion for G. Brown to check with Jane Davidson about this question. L. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

- Calendars

L. Coine stated that the calendars will be here on Friday, September 10, 2010. She made the necessary changes as requested.

- Pictures of Frick's Lock

A. Keen has found duplicates of many pictures of Frick's Locks houses in the files. The extras were distributed among the members. She also asked if it was necessary to continue reviewing the new purchasers of old houses which she has been doing for a long time. A discussion followed regarding the letter which previously had been written by R. Caldwell for the new occupants of old houses with the suggested resources of information.

R. Caldwell said that she would rework the letter for the next meeting, at which time the commission could then decide how to proceed with this project. There are usually about two or three old houses (100 years or older) sold each month. She will send the letters to the residents once the letter is approved by the Historical Commission.

- Oral History

R. Caldwell has heard from the three people she contacted regarding oral histories, Jim Hacker, Isabel Rosewarne, and Ron Elliot. They all said they would be happy to come to the Township Building and share their information about East Coventry. R. Miller and P. Snyder offered to help her.

- Old Treasures

L. Coine brought the contents that Bob Preston had stored for the HC to put into our file cabinets. Included are old maps, clothing, velvet album from a 1888 Funeral Home, and many more interesting items. An inventory was taken at the meeting and the objects were locked in the files. It is great to have such treasures and we thank the Prestons for keeping them for us. L. Coine bought an acid proof box and a plastic one for some of the old ledgers.

New Business

- Schuylkill River Trail – 8:30 AM - 4:00PM - September 23, 2010
Trail Town conference – 61 E. High Street, Pottstown
R. Caldwell and G. Brown are attending.
- Regional Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan
September 14, 2010 – 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Owen J. Roberts High School
Large Group Instruction (LGI Room)

- Resignation of Lynn Coine
We were very sorry to learn of Lynn Coine's resignation from the Historical Commission She has done a terrific job as Chairman. We thank her and will miss her.
- G. Brown noted the Chester County Historical Society has been presenting a series of Teacher programs and asked if anyone knew whether Owen J. Roberts School District had anyone participating. She also suggested we contact Owen J. Roberts to ask if they had any volunteer or extra credit programs which may allow students to participate in assistance for specific tasks within the Historical Commission. R. Miller suggested G. Brown follow-up on these questions.

There will be a reorganization meeting at our October Meeting.

G. Brown made a motion to appoint R. Miller as our Chairman in the interim.

R. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

Adjournment

A.Keen made the motion to adjourn. P. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously accepted 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Snyder
Secretary