

## **EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

### **SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

**Attendance:** Rosemarie Miller (Chairperson), Gail Brown (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member), Scott Fitzgerald (Member), Mariea Geho (Township Supervisor Liaison).

**Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Gail Brown, Vice Chairperson.**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** Jim Hacker, Volunteer Fricks Locks Tour Guide, observed the meeting.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by R. Miller to accept the August 14, 2013 meeting minutes and was seconded by P. Morton. Approved 6-0-0.

#### **Old Business**

1. Gail Brown's September 11, 2013 letter to Mr. Bernie Rodgers, Township Manager, to update the listing of National Register or eligible for National Register of Historic Places was provided to all Historic Commission members. A motion was made by R. Miller to approve this letter and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 6-0-0.
2. Gail Brown prepared a letter to Mr. Bernie Rodgers, Township Manager, requesting that Penny Morton, HC Secretary, be approved to attend the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards Luncheon on Friday, September 27, 2013 at the Sunnybrook Ballroom. M. Geho and R. Miller will also attend. A motion to approve this letter was made by S. Fitzgerald and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 6-0-0.
3. Gail Brown prepared an East Coventry Historical Commission article to be included in the fall Township Newsletter. A motion to ratify this letter was made by R. Miller and was seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 6-0-0.

#### **New Business**

The Stakeholders Meeting of Monday, August 9, 2013 was attended by G. Brown, R. Miller, M. Geho and P. Morton. The following information from this meeting was shared with the Historic Commission:

1. Discussed group/school tours of Fricks Locks Village for the 2014 season.
2. Benches for tour guests and a storage shed for tour supplies are needed.
3. No resolution on the muddy area on Fricks Locks Road. Also, the road needs to be cleaned of stones, nails and broken glass. The road is not wheelchair accessible.
4. Karen Marshall provided good information for the July, 2014 Fricks Locks Town Tours and Village Walks and also for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (Forum 2014).
5. B. Rodgers has been working on the second part of the grant for the feasibility study.

6. Discussed the 3-sided kiosk for the Schuylkill Valley Trail being developed for 2014.
7. Talked about the interim trail to be cleared from Fricks Locks to Tow Path Park.
8. Discussed various incidents of vandalism in Fricks Locks Village and asked Exelon to install security cameras.
9. The next Stakeholders meeting has been scheduled for November 18, 2013.

We need to work on the development of a Historic Commission web site. M. Geho will e-mail to G. Brown web sites from other townships to see how they do it.

#### **Other Business**

1. The Historic Commission received a donation from Bill Harbison of 1987 Virginia Lane, Jefferson Lane, Jeffersonville, Pa. 19403: pictures and a CD of Fricks Locks Village he recorded during his tour.
2. Chester County Historical Society events were listed such as 9/21/13-“Echoes of the Civil War.”
3. History Affiliates Awards Reception-10/24/13.
4. Our main focus was on the development of the kiosk for Fricks Locks Village. We need to develop 2 sides of a 3-sided kiosk focusing on the farm, canal, and industrial eras. The Stakeholders’ influence and source materials were discussed. Ann Keen gave her permission to use her original art work of village scenes. Available Historic Commission members will meet on Friday, September 13, 2013 to work on lay-out.

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by A. Keen to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. and was seconded by P. Morton. Approved 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary