

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
September 14, 2011**

Attendance: Rosemarie Miller (Chairperson), Gail Brown(Vice Chairperson), Ann Keen (Member), Phyl Snyder (Member), Larry Tietjen (Member), Penny Morton (Member), Rugene Caldwell (Secretary), Jane Davidson (East Coventry Historical Consultant(ECHC), Mariea Geho, (East Coventry Town Supervisor & liaison to ECHC), Bernard Rogers, East Coventry Township Manager.

Meeting was called to order by R. Miller, Chairperson at 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

A motion was made by P. Snyder to approve the minutes of August 10, 2011 and seconded by G. Brown. The motion passed 7-0-0.

Public Comments – None

Fricks Lock

J. Davidson (ECHC) made the following general comments in regards to the East Coventry Historical Commission's (ECHC) review of the Frick's Lock project. See Jane Davidson's report, dated September 14, 2011.

1. We are in this with other groups, and as the review of the Fricks Lock project proceeds, other agencies may make changes, but they will come back to the ECHC for approval.
2. The ECHC responsibility is limited to:
 - A. Work with Frens and Frens' documents and the ECHC is limited to making decisions on the project's historic resources.
 - B. If you become involved with the Exelon License Renewal on subjects other than historic resources, you do it as a citizen of East Coventry Township and not as a member of the ECHC.
 - C. The ECHC will be involved throughout this project.

Frens & Frens, LLC presentation

At 7:30 Dale Frens & Jim Garrison, representing Frens & Frens LLC, John Halderman, Associate General Counsel and joined the meeting. Frens & Frens LLC representatives gave an hour and half power point presentations of the Proposed Review Schedule for the Rehabilitation of the Buildings in Frick's Lock Village. R. Miller thanked D. Frens and J. Garrison for the presentation.

G. Brown requested Exelon consider setting back the fence behind the Lock Tenders House to include the locks and the canal bed as they are integral to Frick's Lock Village.

Other Business

G. Brown will submit a report about the August 16, 2011 Pennsylvania Historic Museum Commission meeting

Planning Commission Report:

- L. Tietjen will make a report at the next meeting.

Communications

R. Miller shared and invitation sent to the ECHC to attend the West Pikeland Community Day on September, 24, 2011.

R. Miller announced that the Chester County Historic Preservation Network Fall Workshop will take place at the Brandywine River Museum on October 8, 2011.

Continuance of Meeting

At 9:30 pm P. Snyder made motion, seconded by L. Tietjen, to continue this meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011. Motion approved 7-0-0.

October 3, 2011

R. Miller called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Special Presentation to ECHC

R. Miller turned the meeting over to J. Davidson, ECHC, to introduce Elaine Husted from the East Vincent Township Historical Commission, who has been assisting with Estelle Cremers estate and the distribution of her historical archives and research information.

E. Husted presented research papers and archival information pertaining to Fricks Lock to the ECHC and stated that if other information is found related to East Coventry Township, she will bring them to the ECHC. R. Miller thanked E. Huston for the presentation and that the ECHC looked forward to the possibility of receiving other information.

G. Brown suggested that our Archive Committee immediately document these items from the estate of Estelle Cremers and that the files be made accessible to Dale Frens as they work on the Fricks Lock project.

Fricks Lock

D. Frens and J. Garrison led a discussion regarding the HC recommendations and permits for the Fricks Lock Project, as on Monday October 10, 2011 Frens & Frens LLC will be asking the Board of Supervisors for a Certificate of Appropriateness.

J. Garrison presented information based on further exploration of the canal locks and bed. Several remains of the canal locks and their mechanism were discovered. He was pleased to report the fence perimeter had been adjusted to include the canal and canal locks within Frick's Lock Village.

Following the discussion, L. Tietjen, made the following motion;

The East Coventry Historical Commission requests that the Board of Supervisors issue Certificates of Appropriateness in accordance with the township's Zoning Ordinance for the following building permit applications subject to three conditions. All applications are for historic resources located in the Frick's Lock National Register Historic District.

1. Perimeter Fence
2. B-4 Wagon Shed
3. B-5 Stone and Frame Outbuilding
4. B-8 Summer Kitchen
5. B-9 1757 Farmhouse
6. B-12 Barn
7. B-15 Canal Store
8. B-17 Frame House
9. B-18 Ellis-Hoffman Brick House
10. B-19 Brick House

11. B-20 Burns House

Conditions.

1. That all reviews are in compliance with local, state and/or federal agencies.
2. That if in the course of construction heretofore unknown existing conditions are revealed and/or scope of activity change orders occur, revisions are brought before the Historical Commission for review, comment and approval.
3. That the Historical Commission's suggested changes for the building permit applications be developed into a checklist and incorporated into the construction documents.

The motion was seconded by G. Brown. The motion was approved 7-0-0.

New Business

The ECHC received notice from the Board of Supervisors that Open Space Committee for East Coventry Township is to have a representative from the ECHC. G. Brown made a motion to authorize R. Miller to be the HC representative on the Open Space Committee. The motion was seconded by L. Tietjen and approved 7-0-0.

G. Brown stated that she made reservations for her and P. Morton to attend the Chester County Historic Preservation Network Fall Workshop at the Brandywine River Museum on October 8, 2011.

R. Miller announced that she will be meeting with B. Rogers, Township Manager and J. Barbera, Township Treasurer, regarding the HC budget for 2012.

It was announced that the next Fricks Lock Stakeholders Meeting will be held on November 7, 2011 at 10:00 am at the Schuylkill River Greenway Association.

Adjournment

L. Tietjen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by R. Caldwell and approved 7-0-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Rugene Caldwell, Secretary.