

## **EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

### **SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 13, 2019**

**Attendance:** Gail Brown (Chairperson), Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Kathleen McDermott (Member). Absent: Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission/Member).

**Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm by G. Brown, Chairperson.**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to accept the meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 9, 2019 and was seconded by K. McDermott. Approved 4-0-0

**Public Comments:** None

#### **New Business**

1. Pa. Historic Preservation Tax Credit – 2019. This is only given if home is on the National Register. Currently, only large commercial projects get this credit.
2. Chester County Historic Preservation Network 2019 Spring Workshop: “Sharing Memories”. Held on Saturday, March 23, 2019, 8:00 am – 12:15 pm at the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art.
3. Historical Commission 2019 final budget: line items were reviewed. \$9,600 is allotted.
4. Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting schedule status: waiting to hear from Exelon to schedule dates.

#### **Old Business**

1. Fricks Locks 2019 tour schedule posted.
2. Spring 2019 East Coventry Newsletter Historical Commission article – “John Price Kepner – A Voice from the Past” was written by G. Brown and submitted for publication.
3. Township Engineer’s Status/Activity Report for February, 2019 – Fricks Locks Trailhead was received by G. Brown. A completed storm water application was prepared. The draft land development plans will be reviewed with the township manager. Trail user amenities were provided by Schuylkill River Trails with a list of project goals and timelines.
4. Rehabilitation – Chester County Bridge No. 255, Halteman Rd. over Pigeon Creek: it will take 4-5 months to complete starting later this year, will maintain one lane, a 20 ton weight limit, etc. A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to accept drawings #S-101 for Superstructure Replacement at C.C. Bridge No. 255 Halteman Rd. over Pigeon Creek. We accept the brown powder coat and request any replacement stones/capstones/masonry to be of like materials as the original. Seconded by K. McDermott. Approved 4-0-0

5. Chester County Historic Preservation Leadership Luncheon Recap – January 19, 2019: G. Brown attended and made a speech regarding the Cultural Resource Notice. We must use a new SHPO form now. There was also a case study report on ADA requirements for historical properties. Another case study focused on the demolition of a historical mansion.
6. Fricks Locks Village Volunteer/Historical Commission recruitment project: Kathy and Gail have been working on text and photos for a mailer.

**Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen (Absent)**

**Committees**

1. Archives Committee: Temporary Chairpersons, G. Brown, K. McDermott. Still working on items
2. Oral History Committee: K. McDermott (Chairperson). Followed up with Mr. Elliott. Contacted Mr. Glocker and completed an interview.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). We will meet later this month at Gail's house to work on signs to hang on community bulletin boards for volunteer recruitment.

**Other Business**

A donation was received from Deborah Elliott (sister of P. Morton), Asheville, North Carolina, for our archives of old Fricks Locks newspaper articles and photos.

**Adjournment**

A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to adjourn at 8:45 pm and was seconded by K. McDermott.

Approved 4-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary