

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2019

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: A motion was made by K. McDermott to accept the meeting minutes of Wednesday, April 10, 2019 and was seconded by P. Morton. Approved 3-0-0

Public Comments: In attendance were Ronald Elliott, Kurt Elliott (son), Nancy Elliott Carter (daughter), Karen Nocella, Township Supervisor, and Jacob Singer, property owner.

New Business

1. Discuss Schuylkill River Trail – Phase 2 (Parkerford Trailhead) and effect on previous review/motion by the Historical Commission: all requirements of Section 106 were met by the state. G. Brown made a motion to revoke the previous motion of the Historical Commission on 4/10/19 as all above ground resources were found acceptable. Seconded by P. Morton. Approved 3-0-0
2. Doc PennDOT MPMS #59434, Sec 8: we are recommending accepting all the waivers to the Board of Supervisors.
3. The Elliott family requests a review for “exempted signs” zoning ordinance Section 27-1314, 12:B.C. – Century and Farm Program, Department of Agriculture. A motion was made by K. McDermott to recommend to Board of Supervisors a waiver to accept their 2’ by 3’ sign on their Old Schuylkill Rd., Pottstown, Pa. 19465 property. Seconded by P. Morton. Approved 3-0-0. The Elliotts are planning a 250 yr. celebration at their historic farm, established in 1769, for the community on Sunday, September 8, 2019. A planning discussion followed. They would like the Historical Commission to attend and supply cake. The event could be advertised on the Parks and Rec/Historical Commission web sites. The Elliotts will prepare a request for the Board of Supervisors for cake and volunteers and will explain their plans.
4. Jacob Singer was present who is the owner of Parcel 18-1-5, 1574 Old Schuylkill Rd., Pottstown, Pa., 19465 – the old “Pizza World” site. He provided copies of a site analysis, Route 724 corridor completed by the Pottstown Metropolitan Regional Comprehensive Plan – “Landscapes”. G. Brown advised him on the SALDO process and requirements. He was also advised to start with a Historic Resource Study done by a professional at his expense.
5. Fricks Locks Stakeholders Meeting, April 30, 2019. G. Brown and K. McDermott attended. John Halderman, Exelon attorney, and Rajan Jordan, interim Exelon liaison, were present to discuss

maintenance and security. The township may look into a subgroup for Fricks Locks maintenance.

6. Schuylkill River Highlands All Trails and Towns meeting, Friday, May 3, 2019, Phoenixville Borough Hall: Twelve very interesting presentations were provided.
7. Fricks Locks Village inquiry: Kerry Miles does ghost adventures; therefore G. Brown declined participation as we are a National Historic site.
8. Township Engineers' monthly status/activity report of May 13, 2019: reviewed the Fricks Locks Village Trailhead and Schuylkill River Trails.
9. Chester County Historic Preservation Network Volunteer Recognition Celebration will be held June 19, 2019 at the Chester County Historical Society, West Chester, Pa.
10. Master Conceptual Development Plan: we need someone to attend the July 19, 2019 meeting at 1:00 pm at the Schuylkill River Greenways Building.

Old Business

Mr. Michael Osiol received his poems by John Ellis.

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen

Not present

Committees

1. Archives Committee: G. Brown, K. McDermott (Co-Chairpersons). No activity
2. Oral History Committee: K. McDermott (Chairperson). Waiting for Mr. R. Elliott.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). We have a new Exelon liaison. Need to discuss emergency evacuation agreement with Exelon.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. McDermott to adjourn at 9:15 pm and was seconded by G. Brown. Approved 3-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Penny Morton, Secretary