

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: No quorum to vote on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 meeting minutes, therefore it will be addressed at December meeting.

New Business

1. 2018 Fricks Locks Town Talks and Village Walks: Karen Marshall was present to discuss the possibility of doing another Town Tour/Village Walk in Fricks Locks Village in August, 2018. Chester County Planning Commission members will probably attend that tour. The Historical Commission agreed to do it but will need to settle on a specific date. S. Fitzgerald made a motion to participate in the 2018 Town Tour Village Walks and was seconded by P. Morton. Approved 4-0-0
2. Fricks Locks Stakeholders Meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2017 in the township building: Discussion centered on vandalism of several buildings in Fricks Locks Village mainly in August, 2017. Pictures of all the damages were circulated. Remedies were discussed. The township Police Chief was present for the discussion.
3. Pigeon Creek Bridge, Parkerford, Pa.: A public hearing is scheduled on Monday, November 13, 2017 at the township Board of Supervisors meeting regarding repairs to this bridge. A Preservation Engineer should look at the plans since this is the oldest bridge in Chester County. The question to address is what assessment has been done to insure the bridge can sustain the design?
4. Historical Commission Information Request
 - Oak Grove Cemetery: On Monday, October 16, 2017 Doug Humes asked who is responsible for the care of this cemetery. S. Fitzgerald will research this.
 - A group requested use of Fricks Locks Village to do military simulation exercises using biodegradable pellets. Fricks Locks is a National Register Historic District located in the exclusionary zone, restricted access, of a nuclear power plant. No weapons or weapon components are allowed. Request is not a suitable use for Fricks Locks Village.
 - We received a request to metal detect Fricks Locks Village with any findings to be donated to the township. As Fricks Locks Village is a National Register Historic District located in the

exclusionary boundary, restricted access of a nuclear power plant, the request is deemed unsuitable.

Old Business – None

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen was absent but e-mailed that he had nothing new to report.

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Committees

1. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). She is fairly well caught up to date.
2. Oral History Committee: S. Fitzgerald (Chairperson). Ann will give Scott training materials on doing oral histories.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). We had a good volume of visitors in the village in October, 2017. P. Morton conducted a special tour on Thursday, November 2, 2017 for Chester County Planning Commission members and Karen Marshall.

Other Business

W. Bryan Stauffer, Kalamazoo, MI, sent the Historical Commission a letter which was read aloud. He was a former local resident who has been very interested in this area of the country and our work. He plans to visit the Village in the summer of 2018.

Adjournment

A motion was made by P. Morton to adjourn at 9:05 p.m. and was seconded by S. Fitzgerald.
Approved 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,



Penny Morton, Secretary