

**EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 2018**

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

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

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments:** Lorraine Clark of 134 Spring Creek Lane, Pottstown, Pa., 19465, East Coventry Township was present. (See below)

**Minutes:** A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, January 10, 2018 and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 4-0-0

A motion was made by L. Tietjen to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, February 14, 2018 and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 5-0-0

**New Business**

1. Lorraine Clark showed the Commission documents from her historical farm property. The previous farm owners, Bob and Ann Hindle, gave her the framed original deed which they received from John, Thomas and Richard Penn, property owners before the Hindles. Ms. Clark also shared framed aerial pictures of the farm. Document preservation was discussed.
2. Tasks and Assignments for Fricks Locks Village Town Tour and Village Walk, August 16, 2018: We outlined all the areas of concern in preparation for this event. We'll need to work on the script, whether or not to do costuming, foot traffic control, parking and fire police (to be referred to B. Rodgers), village photographic displays such as pre/post restoration, the canal model could be displayed and stake out ropes to show the size of a canal boat as we did before. We'll need all the volunteers we can get and reach out to the County, other township historical commissions and the Boy Scouts. It would be nice to have the musicians perform on the Boxwood Lodge porch as we had for the last Town Tour.
3. Historical Information Request: Jean Baker of Bonham, Texas contacted G. Brown to advise that her grandfather, Warren Edward Miller, was a lock tender at Fricks Locks Village. Gail told her that we are aware of him and show his picture at our village tours.
4. Acceptance of the resignation of Ann Keen effective April 1, 2018 from the Historical Commission: G. Brown read the township Board of Supervisors resolution honoring Ann which was also read at the Monday, March 12, 2018 Board of Supervisors meeting. Ann donated three framed acrylic paintings done by her: the 1757 House and the Lock Tenders House of Fricks Locks Village and the Fairview Schoolhouse. Ann has served on the Historical Commission for

many years and chaired the Archives Committee for which we are very grateful. She will be deeply missed.

#### **Old Business**

G. Brown sent the 2018 Fricks Locks Village tour schedule to Emily Ryan, Tim Fenchell and Samuel Radejiluik of the Greystone Society – The National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum.

#### **Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen**

The Commission didn't meet last month therefore no new activity.

#### **Commissions**

1. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). Filing is up to date. Need a system to check out books in our archives.
2. Oral History Committee: K. McDermott (Chairperson). Absent
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). Karen Marshall provided an email from Matthew Robeson, Preservation Archivist, who agreed to do a Fricks Locks walk through this spring.

#### **Other Business**

None

#### **Adjournment**

A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. and was seconded by L. Tietjen.  
Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,



Penny Morton, Secretary