

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to accept the meeting minutes of Wednesday, March 8, 2017 and was seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 5-0-0

Public Comment: None

New Business

1. Karen Marshall, Chester County Historic Preservation Coordinator, was present to discuss a proposed deck replacement on the weakened Latshaw's Mill Bridge over Pigeon Creek on Halteman Rd., East Coventry Township. The proposed repair would leave the historic bridge walls intact. The Historic Commission will examine the bridge and provide input into recommendations on whether to rehabilitate or replace it. The County Consultant is Sandy Martin. The bridge is a Class II historic resource built in 1913 by Nathan Rambo.
2. Proposed Cell Tower at 92 Baptist Church Road – Balloon Test: Rich Lemowicz and Brian Seidel, Trileaf Corporation, representatives were present to review the results of the March 25, 2017 balloon test. Three members of the Historical Commission took pictures of the balloon from various locales around Parkerford, Pa. to determine if the proposed tower will have an adverse visual impact on the historic resources. The Historical Commission will send the pictures to Ms. Diehl at PHMC. The pictures will also be submitted to the township Board of Supervisors on June 12, 2017.
3. Status of the DCNR grant application for the Fricks Locks Village Trailhead: G. Brown submitted a letter to the Pa. Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Southeast Region, to offer the support of the East Coventry Historical Commission to the Schuylkill River Trail – Fricks Locks Trailhead. The East Coventry Board of Supervisors voted on Monday, April 10, 2017 to approve the grant application for the Fricks Locks Trailhead.
4. Nomination of new Historical Commission member, Kathleen McDermott, who submitted a letter of intent to the Commission. S. Fitzgerald made a motion to recommend to the township Board of Supervisors that Ms. McDermott is made a Historical Commission member. A. Keen seconded the motion. Approved 5-0-0
5. Request for information from a resident regarding 1124 Bethel Church Rd.: No response provided yet.

6. Discussion of “Keep Kids Safe Program”. B. Rodgers, Twp. Manager, asked the Twp. Solicitor if volunteers needed to submit criminal and child abuse background checks in order to conduct Fricks Locks Village tours. The Solicitor thought we should, however issues remain such as who pays for it, privacy issues and where the information is kept/maintained. Further directives are needed from the Board of Supervisors if a procedure is needed.

Old Business

Status of the Exelon Liaison position for Fricks Locks Village: name not yet known.

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen

No new information at this time.

Committees

1. Oral History Committee: S. Fitzgerald (Chairperson). Scott visited a former Fricks Locks volunteer, Jim Hacker. No other activity
2. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). All filing is complete.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, and S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). G. Brown will make up new Village brochures and email volunteers to prepare for the new tour season. Need to contact Exelon liaison for grounds keeping update.

Other Business

None

Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Tietjen at 8:25 p.m. to adjourn and was seconded by G. Brown. Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary