

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2015

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairperson), Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member), Ann Keen (Member). Also present was Mariea Geho (East Coventry Township Supervisor). Absent: Rosemarie Miller (Member).

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

1. November 12, 2014: motion to accept by S. Fitzgerald was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 4-1-0. (G. Brown recused).
2. December 10, 2014: motion to accept by P. Morton was seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 5-0-0.

Public Comments: Seth Hinshaw, CCHPN representative, was present to announce the spring workshop which will be held at Chadds Ford, Pa. in April, 2015. It will replace the normal spring workshop; only one person per Historical Commission can attend. The National Alliance of Preservation Commissions will conduct it covering such topics as the funding of local preservation projects, public meeting procedures, outreach and education.

2015 Organization

1. Chairperson: (Gail Brown). Motion made by P. Morton; seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 5-0-0
2. Vice Chairperson: (Scott Fitzgerald). Motion made by G. Brown; seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 5-0-0.
3. Secretary: (Penny Morton). Motion made by A. Keen; seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 5-0-0.
4. Meeting time, dates and location: Second Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m. at the East Coventry Township Building. Motion made by A. Keen and seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 5-0-0.

New Business

1. 2014 East Coventry Historical Commission Annual Report: the draft report was prepared and distributed by G. Brown. Discussion followed regarding goals for 2015 and items to be included in the Annual Report Introduction. The final report is due in March, 2015.

2. Member Status Discussion/Action: L. Tietjen made a motion to remove a member from the Historical Commission due to nonparticipation for personal reasons but who may be reinstated when circumstances allow. The motion was seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 5-0-0.
3. Pottstown Regional Comprehensive Plan: G. Brown circulated some pages from this plan which lists one historical resource for East Coventry (Fricks Locks Village) and two eligible properties. The Montgomery County Planning Commission prepared this report. L. Tietjen will try to scan the entire report for us.

Old Business

Fricks Locks Feasibility Study: further discussion/recommendations included incorporating more commercial resources such as food vendors, art gallery, gift shop or bike shop for example. G. Brown will discuss with B. Rodgers, Township Manager, his vision and scope of the study.

Planning Commission Liaison Report: L. Tietjen

1. At the December, 2014 meeting, Fairway Farm project changed their idea from single family homes to townhouses. They are looking for approval for conditional use and approval from North and East Coventry Townships.
2. The Whispering Woods project is moving forward. L. Tietjen requested the Cultural Resource Notice, etc. from the developer which hasn't been done yet.

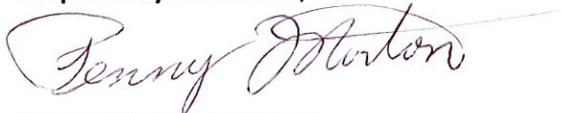
Committees

1. Oral History Committee: (S. Fitzgerald, Chairperson). G. Brown supplied lists of names and interview materials for the committee use.
2. Archives Committee: (A. Keen, Chairperson). The committee hasn't met in 3 weeks due to the holidays and inclement weather.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide Committee: (G. Brown/P. Morton-Co-Chairpersons). Still trying to distribute books to volunteers. Otherwise, no activity.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m. was made by S. Fitzgerald and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Penny Morton, Secretary