

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
August 12, 2009  
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

*(Pledge of Allegiance)*

**Attendance:** Gail Brown (Chairman-Absent), Lynn Coine (Member), Ann Keen (Member), Jim Michael (Vice Chairman), Rich Marchetti (Member-Absent), Rugene Caldwell (Member), Larry Tietjen (Member-Absent), Phyl Snyder (Secretary)

With the absence of G. Brown, J. Michael called the meeting to order at 7:05.

**Minutes**

Minutes of July 8, 2009 were reviewed. P. Snyder made a motion to accept the minutes. L. Coine seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0-0.

**Public Comments** – None

**Action Items**

**Update of Fricks Locks Stakeholders Meeting July 9, 2009.**

Don Vymazal, representing Senator Dinniman and David Kimmerly, representing Preservation PA and the PHMC have joined the Stakeholders as new members. Exelon has agreed to work with the Stakeholders and stabilize Fricks Locks.

Jane Davidson (EC Historical Preservation Planning Consultant) and Dave Kimmerly will meet and discuss before the Stakeholders' Meeting. Mrs. Davidson has all the necessary information concerning Fricks Locks and is reviewing the whole setup. The information was also handed out to EC Historical Commission members.

The County bought Ann Tudor's house as a Ranger Station for the Schuylkill River Trail.

**Equipment for 2010**

The purchase of a laptop computer with a software program to make copies of oral histories of our residents is required as well as a tape recorder with microphone, and another file cabinet. L. Coine is investigating some of this equipment.

**Oral History Forms** – already voted upon and will be discussed at next meeting.

Spencer Claypool interviewed Harvey Kulp in 1998 and a copy of this interview was received by each member.

Several of EC Historical Commission members who have lived in EC most of their life should also be interviewed.

Springton Manor Farm is conducting an oral history project. This information was presented to the Historical Commission and might be helpful to use as a model for our own oral histories. R. Caldwell and P. Snyder will meet and discuss before the next meeting.

R. Caldwell gave a Safety booklet for the file cabinet. Police Chief Foose had given one to each younger elementary school child when he was Police Chief and spoke to the classes about Safety.

## **Subdivision and Land Development**

Update – Neither G. Brown nor L. Tietjen were present at this meeting. The report was tabled.

## **Discussion Items**

### **Appointment of Historical Preservation Consultant**

Jane Davidson was appointed to be EC Historical Preservation Consultant by the recommendation of the Historical Commission to the Township Supervisors.

### **Discussion July 22, 2009 Speaker Program – Old Photograph Workshop**

The speaker from Chester County Historical Society, Pamela Powell, was excellent! There were people attending who lived outside East Coventry, thanks to the “Mercury”, as well as other residents from our township. All seemed to go well, and we decided to narrow Chester County Historical Society information down for another “night from the EC Historical Commission Information Bureau” in the near future.

The Historical Commission offered previous years Historical Commission calendars to attendees – a donation was requested, but not mandatory. A total of \$58.00 was received in donations for the calendars. The monies received in donations covered the cost of the presentation with an eight dollar profit.

## **Other Business**

### **Request for Demolition Hearing**

Exelon provided an extension to December 31, 2009. The extension date of December 31, 2009 would most probably dictate a hearing date in November or December and would not be feasible due to individual membership holiday schedules.

**Valley Forge** – J. Michael recommended this National Park be paid a visit by Historical Commission members. Chris Tyson (Ranger) was a very informative and interesting guide.

### **Thank you note to Mr. and Mrs. Kurtas for their wonderful contributions to the Historical Commission.**

P. Snyder will write and send them a note.

**Arcadia Publishing** - Letter received but Historical Commission not impressed.

## **Adjournment**

J. Michael made the motion to adjourn. R. Caldwell seconded the motion.

The motion was approved 5-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Phyllis Snyder  
Secretary