

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
December 10, 2008
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

(Pledge of Allegiance)

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairman), Lynn Coine (Vice Chairman), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Member), Rugene Caldwell (Member), Rich Marchetti (Member), Roy Kolb (Planning Commission Liaison- absent), James Michael (Member – absent), Phyl Snyder (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Minutes

Minutes of October 8, 2008 were reviewed. R. Caldwell made the motion to accept the Minutes as amended. A. Keen seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Minutes of November 12, 2008 were reviewed. A. Keen made the motion to accept the Minutes.

L. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 7-0-0.

Public Comments

Noel Billingsley (2414 E. Cedarville Road) and Anne Bedrick (East Nantmeal Township Historical Commission and Chester County Historic Preservation Network) were visitors.

Action Items –

Suggested Historical Commission Goals for 2009

1. Welcome letter from the Historical Commission to persons who have recently purchased old homes in East Coventry. .
R. Caldwell wrote an excellent sample letter. G. Brown suggested this sample would be a better choice as an opening paragraph to the Historical Commissions proposed web-site update. G. Brown reminded members we need to reproduce and file copies of the Historic Resource Surveys, complete our reference list, and put our files in order prior to initiating the letter. Also, she had talked with the Township Manager, Bernie Rodgers, some time ago and he had indicated the Township receives data on the purchase of homes in East Coventry (runs about a month behind) which we could use as a resource.. G. Brown and R. Caldwell.
2. On going research of East Coventry History. Chester County, Chester County Historical Society (CCHS), Pottstown Historical Society, Montgomery County Historical Society, libraries, etc.
3. Historical Commission Web Page – J. Michael and P. Snyder.
4. Present Chester County Historical Preservation Network Speaker Program – suggested Old Photograph program which would allow a limited number of citizens to request information on their old photograph (one each).
5. Recording ‘Oral Histories’ of long time residents of East Coventry Township.

This data would provide personal histories of our township. Would need to inquire about recording equipment available from Township administration. May require upgraded equipment.

6. Obtain copies of PHMC Historic Resource Documentation from Harrisburg archives. L. Tietjen occasionally makes trips to Harrisburg.
7. K. Marshal has sent an e-mail inquiry asking whether we would be interested in participating in a joint Parker Ford Town Tour with East Vincent Township. The county bought Ann Tudor's house in Parker Ford, East Vincent, for a Park Ranger Station.
8. Apply for grant money for updated and new Historic Resource Surveys
9. Possible development of a calendar for 2010.
10. Possible historic publication of 'Oral Histories as a long term project.

G. Brown asked members to consider the above options for 2009 Goals to be established at the January meeting. Members were also asked to put forth any other goals.

Discussion Items

PHMC Membership –

R. Caldwell made the motion to rescind the motion of November 12, 2008 to join the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). We have insufficient funds in our line item. P. Snyder seconded the motion. The motion was accepted 7-0-0.

Subdivision and Land Development

88 Wells Road

Letter dated November 4, 2008 received from the PHMC stating in part: "Known archaeological resources are located on your project area and others are likely to exist." "A Phase I archaeological survey of the project area to verify the extent of known sites and to locate any other potentially significant archaeological resources that may exist is recommended but not required." "We suggest that you consider conducting the survey early in development or planning process to avoid delays in the future." Should a survey not be performed and artifacts were found during excavation, the developer would have to stop work and an archaeological survey would have to be performed. Per Planning Commission inquiry, G. Brown confirmed this is basically a standard letter. An archaeological survey is recommended, but not required.

Painter Tract "B" – E. Cedarville & Ellis Woods Roads- Townhouses

A second Sketch Plan "B" was submitted to the Planning Commission for acceptance for review. The Historical Commission questions the existing scrub brush and trees utilized on an adjacent property in lieu of new plantings.

Adjournment

P. Snyder made the motion to adjourn. L. Coine seconded the motion. The motion was accepted 7-0-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Snyder
Secretary