

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to accept the meeting minutes of Wednesday, March 13, 2019 and was seconded by K. McDermott. Approved 4-0-0

Public Comments: Michael Osiol, 92 Savage Rd., Pottstown, Pa, 19465 was present with questions about the meeting minutes posted to the township web site. Also, he had his own collection of “John Ellis – Bard of Coventry” poems dated 1893 – 1914 written by John Ellis. He has done much independent research and donated a binder breaking down five generations of the James Ellis descendants. Thank you very much.

New Business

1. Review of “The Schuylkill River Trail – Phase 2 (Parkerford Trailhead) Drawings: David Stauffer, Chester County Facilities and Parks, was present and brought maps/drawings of the finished trail and Linfield Trailhead Plans which was discussed and reviewed with the Historical Commission. A motion was made by K. McDermott to recommend the “PennDOT Above Ground Historic Field Properties Field Assessment and Finding” of 5/18/17 be amended to identify historic County Bridge #207 over Pigeon Creek, a National Register eligible bridge, Key # 132046, and amend their basis of finding in Section 1 contingent on revision to include the aforementioned bridge. We request the Township Planning Commission to review the distance of the maintenance access road near the bridge to meet distance requirements. The motion was seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 4-0-0
2. Schuylkill River Greenways Trail/Master Plan Committee: will work on developing recreational and trail areas in Parkerford, Pa., East Coventry and East Vincent townships. G. Brown will be on the committee for a series of four meetings.
3. Schuylkill Highlands All Trails, Towns, Gateways and Compatible Development Economic Meeting. G. Brown will attend 5/3/2019
4. Township Engineers’ Status/Activity Report – April – Fricks Locks Village Trailhead; the report was received and reviewed. Plans are ready for submission to the conservation district for NPDES and E&S review.
5. Discussion: Fricks Locks Information meeting in township building on Tuesday, April 9, 2019. No new potential new volunteers showed up.

6. New and revised forms- Photo release, East Coventry Township Volunteer position application and a Fricks Locks volunteer option was added. We have a new photo release form used mainly minors or others whose photo is used for commercial endeavors. New forms reviewed.
7. Fairview School House cornice repair status: the school house front porch was removed and Dale Frens, Frens and Frens, LLC, changed the cornice design. Bids were reviewed and a contract awarded by the township.

Old Business

1. Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) – municipal renewal and opportunities were paid by the township for 2019.
2. CCHPN is presenting “Wyeth” at the Colonial Theatre in Phoenixville, Pa.
3. Discussed training/workshop opportunities through CCHPN.
4. The next Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting will be held April 30, 2019, 10:00 am, at the Schuylkill Greenways Association.

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen

L. Tietjen not present. No current information.

Committees

1. Archives Committee: G. Brown, K McDermott (Temporary CO-Chairpersons). No activity.
2. Oral History Committee: K. McDermott (Chairperson). K. McDermott will meet with Mr. Ronald Elliott on Monday, April 15, 2019 for their continuing oral history interview.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton, S. Fitzgerald (Co-Chairpersons). Planning for first 2019 tour.

Other Business

Our dear friend and former Historic Commission member, Phyllis Snyder, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2019.

Adjournment

A motion was made by K. McDermott to adjourn at 9:34 pm and was seconded by G. Brown.
Approved 4-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary

