

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

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

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: Wednesday, August 9, 2017 meeting minutes to be addressed in October meeting.

New Business

The group discussed possible uses for the Fairview School House, newly acquired by the township. A walk through tour would be beneficial to get ideas and to see the condition of the building and property.

Old Business

1. Fricks Locks Stakeholders meeting for Tuesday, September 5, 2017 was rescheduled to Tuesday, September 19, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the township building.
2. Latshaw's Mill Bridge #265 status: a copy of the letter to Sandy Martin of McCormick Taylor, Eagleview Corporate Center, from Bernie Rodgers, Township Manager, was circulated which included the Historical Commission's recommendations.
3. Fricks Locks Village
 - Vandalism occurred in the village sometime between July 22, 2017 and August 26, 2017 which was reported to the township police who responded immediately on the scene on August 26, 2017. G. Brown informed Emily Ryan, Exelon liaison, on September 6, 2017. Ms. Ryan will refer this matter to the Exelon Facilities team for repairs. Boxwood Lodge, 1757 Farmhouse, Manor House were mainly affected as well as the North End of the village where door graphics were removed from houses.
 - Maintenance: front entry gate chain/padlock conditions were referred to the township. Grass mowing in the north end of the village has been very regular, but Exelon needs to mow more regularly in the restricted area which is usually quite overgrown.
 - Tour schedule: Suggestions were made to reduce the amount of seasonal tours for 2018. Either reduce the number of tours per month or per day, and/or perhaps drop the month of May. Discussion to continue.
 - Volunteer recruitment is very difficult so we may have to expand the roles of existing volunteers.
 - Advertising: we may need to look into a Facebook page for the village or add a link to the Iron and Steel web page. The Schuylkill River Heritage Area already has a Fricks