

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING HELD ON MAY 09, 2023**

The Historical Commission held a regular meeting on Tuesday, May 09, 2023. Present for the meeting were Catherine Subick, Chair; Peter Price, Vice Chair; and Larry Tietjen, Secretary.

1. Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Subick called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and the pledge was recited.

2. Minutes.

A. Consideration of Approval of the March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Price made a motion to approve the March 14, 2023 and April 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Ms. Subick seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0-0

3. Public Comment.

Liz Willow – 683 Ellis Woods Road: Provided details on the planned Memorial Day ceremony and informed the Commission that the Pottstown Joint Veterans Council has informed her that they are willing to turn over responsibility for the cemetery to the Township so the Township can apply for grants to help maintain and improve the site. She plans to bring this to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration.

4. New Business.

A. Report on Opening of Tours at Fricks Lock Village.

Mrs. Subick reported that the first tours of the season were held this month and attendance was good. 12 people attended the first tour.

B. Discuss Possible Grant Opportunities for Fricks Lock.

Ms. Subick reported that she is in discussion with the Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee to determine if grant money can be attained for some needed maintenance projects such as repointing of the brick house as the top priority and repair of the first floor in the Ellis House is also needed if there is some interest in selling snacks and food on weekends by a local vendor.

5. Old Business.

None brought before the Commission.

6. Liaison Reports.

A. Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Tietjen reported that he attended the Board of Supervisors meeting and that no new topics were discussed.

B. Planning Commission.

No report was given as Mr. Tietjen was not able to attend the April meeting.

7. Committees.

A. Fricks Lock Subcommittee.

Mrs. Subick informed the Commission that the Subcommittee met on April 22, 2023 and reported that the Commission will approach the Board of Supervisors for support in matching funds for any grants pursued for Fricks Lock. She also mentioned that Constellation is still having contract issues with Stanley Security to have cameras provided to the site. Ms. Subick will verify the end date of the Maintenance Contract and work with Constellation's representative to get the contract renewal in their next budget. She said that she will inform Constellation's representative of the tour dates and it agreed to mow before the dates. She also will work with Constellation to remove the dead ash trees on the property.

B. Fricks Lock Volunteer Committee.

No update was given.

C. Archives Committee.

No update was given.

D. Oral History Committee.

No update was given.

8. Other Business.

None brought before the Commission.

9. Adjournment.

Mr. Tietjen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 PM. Ms. Subick seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Larry Tietjen', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Larry Tietjen
Secretary