

**EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
JULY 14, 2020**

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairman), Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairman), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison) Absent: Jeffrey Stevenson (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. by Gail Brown, Chairperson

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Review/Approval of the February 11, 2020 regular Historical Commission meeting minutes. – tabled

Review/Approval of the March 10, 2020 regular Historical Commission meeting minutes – tabled

Review/Approval of the May 12, 2020 regular Historical Commission meeting minutes – tabled

Review/Approval of the June 9, 2020 regular Historical Commission meeting minutes. S. Fitzgerald put forward a motion to accept, L. Tietjen seconded, minutes approved 3-0-0.

Public Comments – None

New Business:

Proposed Demolition – 1574 Old Schuylkill Road. Historical Commission reviewed in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Requirements ZO 27-1205-1(A), ZO 27-1205-1(B)(1), ZO 27-1205-1(B)(2) and ZO 27-1205-1(B)(3). Mr. Singer is not present and we have not received a revised Demolition Permit. As per July 10, 2020 letter from G. Brown, Historical Commission to D. Kraynik, Township Manager, the Township has forwarded paperwork in association with a court case, East Coventry potential legal action against the owner, and/or East Coventry safety violation. Docket Number MJ-15301-NT-0000524-2019 Disposition Sentencing Details reads: Case Disposition: Guilty, Disposition Date: 01/14/2020, Was Defendant Present? Yes, Offense Seq./Description: 1. All vacant structures & premises thereof or vacant land shall be maintained in a safe, secure, sanit....., Offence Disposition: Guilty. L. Tietjen put forward the following motion: The Historical Commission not support approval of the application of the Demolition Permit and Mr. Singer maintain in a safe, secure condition. S. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Motion approved 3-0-0.

G. Brown attended the Fricks Lock Stakeholders meeting Tuesday, June 30, 2020. Finalized Agreement has been delayed to both COVID-19 and plants spring outage. Exelon has giving OK to pursue a three-contract approach – R&B Restoration, Landscaping and Security. East Coventry Township (ECT) Subcommittee will recommend proposed work (as outlined in R&B proposal) and Exelon will approve. ECT to create a budget for both the remainder of 2020 as

well as 2021. ECT received two (2) bids, sitework and building work. Sitework has been awarded to Barwis Construction, work scheduled July through October. Building work came in significantly overbudget-will be reworked and put out for bid later this summer. Chester County has awarded 6.2 million contract to Allan A. Myers. Plans have been in PECO Real Estate almost two (2) months to be signed by PECO. Delaying recording of the Parker Ford Trailhead Plan – issue is urgent. E-Mail June 30, 2020 from Jordan, John Halderman has forwarded request to the PECO Real Estate Director. Condition of landscaping and buildings unknown. Jordan sent e-mail June 30, 2020 confirming Brightview has been mowing Fricks Locks 2 times per month. Fricks Locks Tours suspended for the entire 2020 season. Next Stakeholders meeting August 11, at 10:00 a.m. – a Zoom Meeting.

The Historical Commission discussed activation of the Fricks Locks Stakeholders per Stakeholders comments. Discussed establishing meeting dates and time. The Historical Commission members preferred the second Monday one hour prior to the Board of Supervisors (BOS) meeting but recognizes the BOS most often utilizes this time for Executive Session. Next proposed time is 6:00 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month one hour prior to the Historical Commission meeting.

Notification that the Pre-Construction meeting for Fricks Locks Village Trailhead is scheduled for July 21, 2020, 11:30 a.m. at the village. G. Brown to represent the Historical Commission.

G. Brown attended the June 18, 2020 FLV James Ellis House rebid meeting. Slate roofing will be downgraded to asphalt shingles, roofing membrane will be downgraded from a commercial product to a residential product, etc. In summary, work to secure and seal the building for restroom additions will be a priority, work not necessary to achieve that goal will not be mandatory. No interior work. All alternates in probability will not be options.

ARRO Engineering Status/Activity Report for July 13, 2020 – current activity: Fricks Locks Trailhead sitework. ‘Notice of Intent to award was given to Barwis Construction. Contractor has forwarded bonds, insurance, and agreement for approval. Engineer and Solicitor have reviewed the documents. Barwis has begun submittals and we are setting up a preconstruction meeting.

Town Tours and Village Walks Virtual Summer Series 2020 – Beacons of Pride – Architecture, Artistry and Personal Expression. Six Historic sites ‘live at five’ through July and August. Must sign-up in advance! For more information: www.Chesco.org/Planning/TownTours.

Haltzman Road Bridge update. There are no plans to replace the capstones, however they will be resetting some capstones and repointing everything. A gray caulk will be used on the joints.

Prepublication of Susan Ruth’s book ‘Michigan and Beyond: My Family’s Journey’ prominently featuring the Kepner and Ellis family. Mrs. Ruth has provided access to preliminary text for the enjoyment of the Historical Commission members. S. Fitzgerald has been reading the material.

Old Business

The ECHC has suspended the Fricks Locks Village 2020 season tours to-date. G. Brown had hoped to resume tours for September and October, our best attendance months. Unfortunately, the COVID-19 status remains unstable and construction for the Fricks Locks Trailhead is behind schedule, start now anticipated in July. Therefore, G. Brown would recommend cancellation of the remaining 2020 season. All members agreed.

When a Police Department Incident Report was requested for vandalism in Fricks Locks in October 2019, they were not at the time able to supply photographs. G. Brown followed-up and received one (1) photograph of the breach in the fence.

Planning Commission – L. Tietjen, Planning Commission Liaison reported the Planning Commission had reviewed miscellaneous ordinance amendments.

Committees

Archives Committee – No activity

Oral History Committee – Not assigned

Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Committee – No Activity

Other Business – none

Adjournment

G. Brown motioned to adjourn, L. Tietjen seconded. Motion 3-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

N. Gail Brown

Substituting for Jeffrey Stevenson, Secretary