

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 14, 2023**

The Historical Commission held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. Present for the meeting were Catherine Subick, Chair and Peter Price, Vice Chair, and Larry Tietjen, Secretary. Jeffery Stevenson was not in attendance.

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 February 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Mr. Tietjen motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

3. Public Comment.

Liz Willow – Township’s Parks, Recreation and Conservation Committee provided information on the plan for the East Coventry Revolutionary Cemetery Memorial Event Sunday, May 28, 2023 at 2:00 PM.

4. New Business.

A. Discussion of the Available Space at the Township-owned Schoolhouse.

Mrs. Subick reported that the Schoolhouse which is owned by the Township is environmentally controlled and items are currently being stored there. The Commission has access to some portions of the building for storage. There may be Chester County Preservation Network grant money available to help set up archiving. Mrs. Subick will follow up on this.

B. Discussion of the Condition Inspection at Fricks Lock.

Mrs. Subick met with Eugene Briggs and Ray Kolb at Fricks Lock to visit two Township-owned buildings. The house next to the Ellis house has no floors and there needs to be some corrective action taken to make the structure sound. Mr. Tietjen will investigate if the Township’s Open Space Fund can be used for this work.

Mrs. Subick explained that there was no access to the Burns plank house, but the Burns farmhouse was accessible for inspection. Both will need to be treated for termites. There were holes in the floor, ceiling, and roof. Significant damage to interior ceilings and

floors has been caused by a large hole in the roof. Mr. Kolb has already repaired the roof. Mrs. Subick will follow up with Mr. Briggs to see if Pottstown Area Regional Recreation Committee grants are available and investigate how to set up an account for donations to the Commission.

The Commission also discussed R&B's Carpentry Scope of Work dated January 19, 2023 for the 2023 maintenance work.

Mrs. Subick made a motion to approve the proposed Scope of Work. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

The Commission then discussed tour dates for Fricks Locks were proposed for the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month (except May). The proposed dates are May 6, May 20, June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22, August 12, August 26, September 9, September 23, October 7, October 21.

Mr. Price made a motion that the proposed dates be approved and communicated to the Township Manager. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

C. Consideration of a Zoning Permit for Demolition of Historical Resource at 1200 Ellis Woods Road. (Added at the Meeting.)

The demolition permit for sheds was reviewed.

Mr. Tietjen made a motion to support approval of the permit. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

5. Old Business.

None Brought Before the Historical Commission.

6. Liaison Reports.

A. Board of Supervisors.

No report was given.

B. Planning Commission.

Mr. Tietjen reported that no new developments were discussed at the March meeting.

7. Committees.

A. Fricks Lock Subcommittee.

Mrs. Subick mentioned that she will work to get the subcommittee meeting scheduled possibly in next few weeks.

B. Fricks Lock Volunteer Committee.

Mrs. Subick and Mr. Price discussed the need to work on revising and updating the scripts before the next tour season starts. There is some interest from two of the volunteers to help update the scripts.

C. Archives Committee.

No update was given.

D. Oral History Committee.

No update was given.

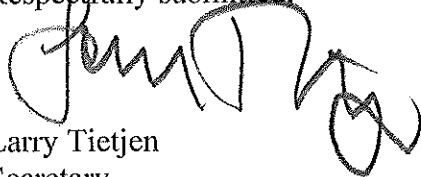
8. Other Business.

None brought before the Commission.

9. Adjournment.

Mr. Tietjen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Mrs. Subick seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Tietjen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "T".

Larry Tietjen
Secretary