

**MINUTES FOR THE  
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

The Historical Commission held its regular meeting on Tuesday, September 12, 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 p.m. and the pledge was recited.

**2. Minutes.**

**A. Consideration of Approval of the August 08, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes**

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

**3. Public Comment.**

Leonard Bealer – Address not provided: Commented on donating a few items such as a Parker Ford Post Office sign. The Commission indicated they would appreciate the donation and asked that he contact the Township Manager and he would provide proper paperwork for the donation.

**4. New Business**

**A. Consideration of the Villages of Fricks Lock Subdivision and Land Development's Historic Resource Report.**

Representatives from Artisan Land Company were present to discuss the report developed by Mary Sue Boyle and Company for the Angeline Frick and James Ellis Farmstead located at 500 Sanatoga Road. Mr. and Mrs. Brown who reside at 500 Sanatoga Road were also in attendance.

The Historic Commission reviewed the plans and discussed the buffering in the current landscape design that is intended to mitigate any impact the development may have to this historic resource.

Mr. Tietjen made a motion for Mrs. Subick to write a letter to the Township Manager to advise the Township that in the opinion of the Historical Commission, the impacts to the property as a Historic Resource have been mitigated in the proposed plans. The letter to the Township should also acknowledge the Brown's concern about noise and light pollution and ask the Township Planner to review the landscape design and buffering to see if changing some of the deciduous plantings to evergreen would improve the buffering

in the winter months. Ms. Subick seconded this motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

There was a discussion about how to communicate Brown's concerns to the Township Planner. Mr. Tietjen made a motion for Ms. Subick to write a letter to the Township Manager to request a meeting be arranged with the Township Planner and the Browns so they can communicate some of their concerns and have the opportunity to get input from the Township Planner on some of the design considerations used in his recommendations. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

***B. Discussion of the 2024 Budget. (Added at the meeting.)***

Ms. Subick made a motion to add a discussion on the Historical Commission's 2024 Budget to the agenda. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

The Commission discussed the need for quantifying funds needed for in next year's budget for items such as the shoring up structurally of some properties at Fricks Lock, a project to update the ownership records of Historic Resources in the Township, tour placards, and a refresh of the schoolhouse. Ms. Subick will put some rough estimates together to discuss in the future.

**5. Old Business.**

**A. Receive an Update on Transportation Alternatives Set-aside Grant Application for the Ellis Hoffman Brick House at Fricks Lock.**

Ms. Subick reported that the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation provided input based on the draft and the final documents were submitted for review with the expectation that the Township would hear back in January or February 2024.

**B. Receive an Update on the Fricks Lock Tours.**

Ms. Subick reported that there has been a consistent turnout for the tours. October 7 will include a tour for Berks County Hiking Club.

**6. Liaison Reports.**

**A. Board of Supervisors.**

Mr. Tietjen reported that the Board of Supervisors approved an Ordinance authorizing the Township to enter an Asset Purchase Agreement for the sale of the Wastewater System to Pennsylvania American Water.

**B. Planning Commission.**

The Planning Commission continued its review of the preliminary plans for the Village at Fricks Lock.

**7. Committees.**

**A. Fricks Lock Subcommittee.**

Next meeting will be scheduled in September.

**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 Historical Commission.

**9. Adjournment.**

Mrs. motioned to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:30 p.m. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Mrs. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Tietjen  
Secretary

