

**EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 11, 2020
7:00 P.M.**

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairman), Jeff Stevenson (Secretary) and Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison) Mr. Tietjen joined the meeting by telephone

Meeting called to order at 7:15 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairman

Pledge of allegiance

Minutes:

Review/Approval of the January 14, 2020 Historical Commission regular minutes tabled, with Mr. Tietjen on telephone attendance could not review.

Public Comment: None

New Business

Reviewed Proposed Demolition Permit 20-01 for property located at 67 Ebelhare Road. The property is a Class 2 historic resource. The Demolition Permit and supporting documentation were reviewed in accordance with Zoning Ordinance Chapter 27, Zoning Part 12. Historic Resource Protection Standards #27-1205 Demolition of Historic Resources 1.B(1)(2)(3). The 1920 small bungalow has been extensively damaged by fire. After extensive consideration and discussion, G. Brown put forward a motion to 'recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the demolition of the Class 2 Historic Resource at 67 Ebelhare Road, East Coventry, Chester County, PA' L. Tietjen seconded the motion, motion approved 3-0-0.

The Historical Commission members reviewed proposed Ordinance "Ordinance Amendments re: Historical Commission". The proposed Ordinance reduces the minimum Historical Commission membership from 7 to 5 members. It further adds a definition for 'Historic Resource Map' and addresses amendments, clarifications and/or redundancies to Codified Ordinances, Chapter 1 (Administration and Government), Part 5 (Historical Commission), Chapter 22 (Subdivision and Land Development), Part 3 (Plan Processing and Content and Chapter 27 (Zoning) Part 12 (Historic Resource Protection Standards). L. Tietjen put forward a motion to recommend to the Board of Supervisors approval of the proposed 'Ordinance Amendments re: Historical Commission'. J. Stevenson seconded; motion approved 3-0-0.

ARRO Engineers Report to the Board of Supervisors February 10, 2020 – tabled

G. Brown and J. Stevenson attended a Fricks Locks Trailhead Meeting held at the Township Building January 29, 2020. Mahogany bulk head doors were recommended by D. Frens, the Historical Commission recommends steel bulkhead doors due the repeated vandalism of the

wooden bulkhead doors at the Manor House, part of the Exelon rehabilitation. Because of significant cost increase, the mahogany bulk head doors will be listed as an alternate. Additionally, the question of a slate roof versus an asphalt shingle roof was again discussed. The use of an asphalt shingle roof versus a slate roof would be a credit of \$11,000.00. D. Frens to break out the cost of the interior of the James Ellis House from the exterior cost of the James Ellis House. We have not received the data for the interior/exterior costs. Several projects were listed as 'alternates'.

The Board of Supervisors authorized bid for the Fricks Locks Village Trailhead. Funding is through two bids – DCNR Grant for \$376,200.00 and County Grant for \$400,000.00. Based on the estimates for the project, the Township has allowed \$277,000 from the Open Space Fund in addition to the grants for completion of the first-floor interior of the James Ellis House.

(NOTE: As we have addressed all action items on tonight's agenda, L. Tietjen terminated his telephone conference at 7:44 p.m. We thank Larry for joining the Historical Commission meeting by telephone to allow the Commission to address tonight's action items. The following agenda items will be tabled with the exception of Fricks Locks Trailhead cost estimates and County Bridge #255 until the March Historical Commission regular meeting.)

Review of revised cost estimates for Fricks Locks Trailhead – see January 29, 2020 Fricks Locks Trailhead meeting above.

Report on the Chester County Historic Preservation Network Leadership Luncheon, February 8, 2020 – tabled

Review of approved Historical Commission 2020 Township Budget – tabled

Old Business

County Bridge @255 (Halteman Road Bridge) – Note: The Historical Commission per review of sample Chester County Bridge photographs had previously approved a brown finish for bridge steel structures. The County provided the Historical Commission with an actual 'color sample' of subject brown color.

Fricks Locks Stakeholders scheduled February meeting including update on status of Maintenance Agreement. – tabled

Planning Commission Liaison – L. Tietjen (tabled)

Committees

All Committees tabled.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectively submitted,

Jeffrey Stevenson
Historical Commission Secretary

(Note: Minutes transcribed by N. Gail Brown from notes by Jeffrey Stevenson and supporting documents.)