

**EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2022**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:04 P.M. BY L. TIETJEN, CHAIRMAN

ATTENDANCE:

L. Tietjen (Chairman), C. Subick

Public Attendees: Marietta Geis, Suzanne Amrich

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES:

Review of the minutes from the March 8, 2022 regular Historical Commission meeting. No corrections or additions noted. LT made a motion to approve, CS seconded. Approved 2-0-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

NEW BUSINESS

LT reported on relevant discussions at the April 11, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.

- BOS passed a resolution to add a text amendment to the C-1 zoning district classification
 - Request was made to the Planning Commission by a property owner on Sanatoga Rd to grind mulch. Planning Commission recommended to BOS that the change be approved.
 - The request still has to go through the land development approval process.
 - The change will also have to go through review by the historical Commission as there is a historic barn and residence on the property. The applicant is willing to work with the commission with regard to buffering the historic resources.
- BOS tabled a residential zoning amendment to encourage cluster development to maximize open space. Amendment is still under review by the Planning Commission.
- BOS passed a resolution to approve the final development submission for Coventry Chase.

There was no discussion of the Township Engineer's Report this month as there are no current items pertinent to the Commission.

Gail Brown would like to add additional tour dates for Fricks Locks to encourage visitation. She is willing to take the lead in organizing volunteers. LT made a motion to modify the schedule previously approved in accordance with Gail's request. CS seconded. Motion approved 2-0-0. Revised schedule is as follows:

April 22, 2022 3 PM

May 28, 2022

June 11 & 25

July 9 & 23

August 13 & 27

September 10 & 24

October 8 & 22

*With the exception of April 22, tour times will be 10:00AM, 11:15 AM and 12:30 PM

Revised tour dates to be added to the Township website

Reviewed Historical Commission content on the township website. Volunteer information and revised tour dates to be added. CS will take a closer look at the narrative regarding the history of Fricks Locks.

LT introduced subdivision project at 527 Bethel Church Rd coming up for preliminary review by the Planning Commission soon. Construction of 6 houses is proposed. There are existing historic structures on the property but none within 100 feet of the proposed new construction.

CS gave a summary of the Fricks Locks Stakeholder meeting held on April 5, 2022:

- D. Krasnof has left Chester County; Karen Marshall will fill in until a replacement is hired.
- M. Roberson gave a brief description of work to be done over the summer at Fricks Locks. No work will be underway at the time of the April 22 ribbon-cutting.
- Agenda for Ribbon-Cutting:
 - Ceremony to start at 2 PM
 - Speakers to start at 2:15 PM. Commissioners and hopefully someone from DCNR or Schuylkill Greenway
 - Ribbon-cutting/photos at 2:35 PM
 - Tours to start around 3 PM
 - Schuylkill River Greenway will be bringing bicycles for those who wish to bike from Fricks Lock to Parkerford
- Work to be completed before Ceremony
 - Landscaping and line painting at parking lot still to be completed
 - Jordan has notified landscaping crew of downed trees and fence damage at site which should be cleaned up by April 22.
 - Restroom building will be open. Pavilion may be used if weather is poor.
- Gail Brown asked about EC police support for parking. CS will contact D. Kraynik and W. Mossman
- County is going to issue a press release. Elaine Schaeffer requested that the press release be shared with all parties.

OLD BUSINESS None

INQUIRIES None

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission has recommended approval of the final submission for Coventry Chase subdivision.

COMMITTEES

Fricks Locks Subcommittee No update

Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee

- CS has forwarded list of volunteers to Gail Brown who is coordinating tours.

Archives Committee

- LT raised the possibility of moving archives to the school building on the Maack property as the interior Ellis House was not renovated as planned.

Oral History Committee No update

OTHER BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marietta Geis inquired regarding planning process for the upcoming 250th Anniversary of the United States in 2026. The County has established a commission to begin planning for festivities.

Suzanne Amrich gave an update from CCHPN

- Landscapes 3 grant program is accepting quarterly applications for grants to assist with projects including archives, updating resource surveys and ordinances, preparing historic resource guides, etc.
- The 2022 Volunteer Recognition Celebration is planned for June 22 at Thornbury Farm. Historical Commission members should try to attend as Gail Brown will be receiving an award. CS will send in registration paperwork.
- CS and LT are not receiving CCHPN magazine. Suzanne to look into why it's not being delivered.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made to adjourn at 7:51 PM by CS, seconded by LT. Motion approved 2-0-0

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine Subick

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Secretary