

**MINUTES FOR THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 09, 2024**

The Historical Commission held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 08, 2024. Present for the meeting were Cathrine Subick, Chair; Peter Price, Vice Chair; Larry Tietjen, Secretary; and Heather Peterman.

Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Subick called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the pledge was recited.

1. Reorganization.

A. Consideration of Nominations and Election of Chair.

Mr. Tietjen made a motion to appoint Cathrine Subick as the Chair of the Historical Commission for 2024. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Ms. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0-0.

B. Consideration of Nominations and Election of Vice Chair.

Ms. Subick made a motion to appoint Larry Tietjen as the Vice Chair of the Historical Commission 2024. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Ms. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0-0.

C. Consideration of Nominations and Election of Recording Secretary.

Mr. Tietjen made a motion to appoint Peter Price as Recording Secretary of the Historical Commission for 2024. Ms. Subick seconded the motion. Ms. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0-0.

2. Minutes.

A. Consideration of Approval of the November 14, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Ms. Subick made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2023 meeting. Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. Ms. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 3-0-0, with Ms. Peterman abstaining as she was not a member of the Historical Commission in 2023.

3. New Business.

A. Review of Plank House Conditions.

Ms. Subick reported that she visited the plank house with Supervisor Kolb. It was estimated that approximately 60% of the structure would need to be replaced. Mr. Tietjen made a motion to contact the Township Engineer to provide an estimate for stabilization of the structure. Mr. Price seconded the motion. Ms. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0-0.

B. Consideration of 2024 Fricks Lock Tour Dates.

Ms. Subick proposed dates consistent with the 2023 tour dates. Ms. Subick made a motion to accept the following dates for tours in 2024:

May 04 and May 18, 2024
June 08 and June 22, 2024
July 13 and July 27, 2024
August 10 and August 24, 2024
September 14 and September 28, 2024
October 12 and October 26, 2024

Mr. Tietjen seconded the motion. Ms. Subick called for a vote and the motion passed 4-0-0.

C. Discuss New Volunteers.

Jen Brown was put forward as a new volunteer.

4. Old Business.

A. Update on the Contract Work at Fricks Lock.

Ms. Subick provided an update concerning the contract preservation work at Fricks Lock. 2023 contract work was completed in November of 2023. This work included drainage work at Boxwood Lodge, and painting at the Canal Store and Manor House. Discussion ensued concerning work to be performed in 2024. Possible work included stabilizing the Barn and preservation of Civil War-era graffiti and door frame, stabilization of the front porch on Canal Store and painting at the Manor House and 1757 House.

5. Inquiries.

A. Spring Creek Lane Farm.

Brad Hutchinson, new owner of Spring Creek Farm, inquired about information related to the property.

6. Liaison Reports.

A. Receive an Update on the Board of Supervisors.

Heather Peterman was appointed to the Historical Commission.

B. Receive an Update on the Planning Commission.

Meaghan Wright was appointed to the Planning Commission.

7. Committees.

A. Receive an Update on the Fricks Lock Subcommittee.

None brought before the Commission.

B. Receive an Update on the Fricks Lock Volunteer Committee.

None brought before the Commission.

C. Receive an Update on the Archives Committee.

None brought before the Commission.

D. Update on the Oral History Committee.

The Organizational Meeting for the Oral History Committee was scheduled for January 22, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building. Ms. Peterman has been in contact with Nancy Elliott-Carter to propose interviewing her father, Ron Elliott. Ms. Subick will contact Karen Cumens to have the building unlocked.

8. Public Comment.

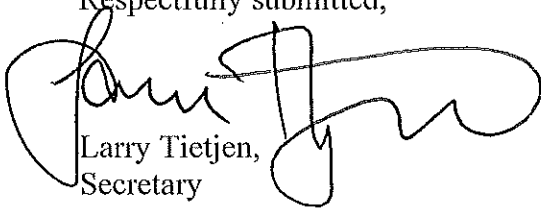
None brought before the Commission.

9. Other Business.

Mr. Tietjen would like to have the Township Solicitor attend an upcoming Historical Commission meeting to review the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and discuss clarifications to language pertaining to historic resources.

10. Adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry Tietjen,
Secretary