

## EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2015

**Attendance:** Gail Brown (Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member). Absent: Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson).

**Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m. by G. Brown, Chairperson.**

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Minutes:** A motion to accept the meeting minutes of Wednesday, April 8, 2015 was made by A. Keen and was seconded by L. Tietjen. Approved 4-0-0.

**Public Comments: None**

#### **New Business**

1. Tom Dredge, Langan Project Engineer, gave a presentation on the Whispering Woods Subdivision. They submitted a Cultural Resource Notice to PHMC and received a response. Copies requested for the Historical Commission to review which must be secured from Bernie Rodgers, Township Manager. An Archeological Resource Survey of the project area was recommended by PHMC. The Historical Commission had questions about the Preliminary Plan regarding parking and a historical school house nearby. Mr. Dredge said that Ellis Woods Road will be widened on the project side of the road. The landscape plan has not been updated yet. The Historical Commission is looking for an update on the landscape buffering zone plan and the identification of the historic school house, a copy of the Cultural Resource Notice and all required follow up notices. The Historical Commission will withhold comments until these details have been provided. The Planning Commission can then review the revised plan in June, 2015.
2. Discussion – Section 106 – Cell Towers. The township has posted a request for bids on the lease of the “Faulk Tract Bid” for building a communications tower as advertised in the “Mercury” on 4/30/15. The Historical Commission will need to be included for the purpose of a Section 106 review.
3. Copies of the General Assembly of Pennsylvania House Resolution No. 189 designating 2015 as the “Year of the Pennsylvania Barn” were distributed.
4. An article entitled “Get Youth Involved” by Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA was distributed.
5. The 2015 Town Tours and Village Walks was circulated. The theme is “The Underground Railroad.”
6. G. Brown attended the National Alliance of Preservation Committees Camp and provided feedback. She received a lot of good information.
7. G. Brown received a letter from Chester County on May 1, 2015 regarding the reconstruction/rehabilitation of a property in East Coventry Township. The owner is seeking a

Federal loan which requires notice to the Historical Commission. The property is not historic. A 15 day response was requested to the Department of Community Development.

### **Old Business**

1. Oral History Interview Questionnaire: S. Fitzgerald was not present therefore this item was tabled.
2. Proposed Eagle Scout Project: G. Brown spoke with D. Melia, Exelon, and an interested party regarding a future Eagle Scout project. The response was favorable.

### **Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen**

The Commission had a meeting on the Whispering Woods Project and is still getting feedback from interested parties on the preliminary design.

### **Committees**

1. Oral History Committee: S. Fitzgerald (Chairperson) not present.
2. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). Up to date on everything. Items were added to the display case which were donated by Phyllis Snyder, former Historical Commission member.
3. Volunteer Tour Guide Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton (Co-Chairpersons). The first tour of this season was held on Saturday, May 9, 2015. We had 4 visitors. We gained a new tour guide. The grounds were beautifully groomed. It was suggested that the guest sign-in sheet should gather contact information such as email addresses for Fricks Locks information updates.

### **Other Business**

Ann Keen is donating two pictures of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, 2000, parade on High Street, Pottstown, Pa. in which the Historical Commission had a float.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn at 7:58 p.m. was made by A. Keen and was seconded by P. Morton. Approved 3-0-0. (L. Tietjen left early).

**Respectfully Submitted,**



Penny Morton, Secretary