

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MAY 13, 2009  
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES**

*(Pledge of Allegiance)*

**Attendance:** Gail Brown (Chairman), Jim Michael (Vice Chairman-Absent), Lynn Coine (Member), Ann Keen (Member), Rugene Caldwell (Member), Larry Tietjen (Member), Rich Marchetti (Member-Absent), Phyl Snyder (Secretary)

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

**Public Comment –**

Attendance-Rosemarie Miller (Chairman of East Coventry Township Supervisors)  
Attendance-Liz Willow, resident

**Minutes**

Minutes of March 11, 2009 were reviewed. R. Caldwell made the motion to accept the Minutes as amended. L. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Minutes of March 25, 2009 were reviewed. P. Snyder made the motion to accept the Minutes. A. Keen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 6-0-0.

Minutes of April 8, 2009 were reviewed. P. Snyder made the motion to accept the Minutes as amended. L. Tietjen seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 6-0-0.

**Action Items**

**Welcome Letter Update**

G. Brown sent a follow-up (original April 7, 2009) email to B. Rodgers (Township Manager) May 13, 2009, 11:32 a.m. requesting the Township Solicitor, Mr. Hosterman, review our disclaimer for the Information List to be attached to the Welcome Letter. As the second e-mail was sent on this date, Mr. Rodgers may need additional time to respond. Our concern is to verify our 'disclaimer statement' is sufficient liability protection for the Township. This list is to provide information for supplies and services for Historical Properties, but not an endorsement of service providers or suppliers.

**Oral History** - Tabled until June 10, 2009 meeting. L. Tietjen will research availability of township equipment and, as needed, research equipment needed for oral recording. As with the Welcome Letter Information List, B. Rodgers, Township Manager, was contacted by e-mail April 7, 2009 and May 13, 2009 requesting the Township Solicitor review and/or develop a 'Release Form for Oral Records.'

**Fricks locks Update/ Discussion**

Exelon has requested to extend the retro-demolition permits to August 31, 2009. The Fricks Lock Stakeholders meetings have been rescheduled and delayed. Our last meeting was the summer of 2008.

Our last information from Exelon, April 16, 2009, indicated they anticipated an updated report from Dale Frens by April 20, 2009 and would be scheduling another Stakeholders meeting the first part of May. The contract with the Township off-duty police force for Fricks Locks did not occur and it was determined at a meeting between Exelon and Township, as reported by B. Rodgers, Township Manager, that vandalism has decreased and this contract is not needed at this time. The Historical Commission discussed how we should proceed as action on the 'Retro Permits' has been delayed for an extensive period of time and progress with the Stakeholders meetings has stalled.

L. Tietjen made the motion to contact B. Rodgers requesting Mark Hosterman to attend the Historical Commission meeting of May 27, 2009 or June 10, 2009 to prepare the Historical Commission members for the hearing proceedings and discuss the ordinance requirements.

L. Coine seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

**Workshop Meeting** - Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 7:00 PM. to discuss Website page.

### **Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission Reproduction Account**

L. Tietjen will work out the process when he goes to Harrisburg and then discuss the details to set up an account with B. Rodgers.

### **2010 Chester County Town Tour**

G. Brown will contact Elaine Husted (member of East Vincent Historical Commission) for information to contact the Chairman of the East Vincent Historical Commission to discuss a combined Chester County Tour for 2010.

### **Historical Commission Minutes Update**

G. Brown contacted B. Rodgers, Township Manager, per e-mail at the township building about prior Minutes before 2000.

### **Chester County Historical Society Speaker Program Update** **Old Photographs Workshop-July 22, 2009 at 7 PM**

G. Brown has contacted B. Rodgers and reserved the meeting room.

L. Coine developed a menu for refreshments for the program. Historical Commission members to contact Lynn to volunteer to make refreshments.

P. Snyder/ R. Caldwell will make the flyer.

R. Caldwell will contact "The Mercury".

### **Proposed Historical Commission Calendars Suggestions**

L. Coine stated she and R. Marchetti felt they needed more time to develop a quality calendar and would therefore work on a calendar for 2011. The members discussed possible themes for the calendar – architectural, schools/churches, bridges, and various outbuildings.

P. Snyder made the motion for the theme of the 2011 calendars to be miscellaneous out buildings such as bake ovens, smoke houses, etc.

R. Caldwell seconded the motion. The motion was approved 6-0-0.

## **Community Day Participation (Saturday, June 6, 2009 – 12:00-4:00)**

G. Brown had received a call from Karen Nocella, Parks and Recreation, asking if the Historical Commission would wish to participate at Community Days. G. Brown stated this is a great opportunity for citizen outreach. She suggested we could display the ‘dough board’ stored at the Township building and provide data on upcoming event. Members were unsure of their schedules to support this effort. At this time no commitments.

## **Subdivision and Land Development**

Planning Commission April meeting update – L. Tietjen

- Painter Tract – does not contain a Historical Property. One Historical Property is noted adjacent to the property (1981 Survey). Property appears to be not adversely affected. The developer wants a waiver to build more homes on this tract than allowed. The Planning Commission did not react favorably to this request.
- Coordination of Planning Commission/Historical Commission Meetings to coordinate the Historical Commission review prior to the Planning Commission Meeting. The coordination effort is difficult because of the review/comment timelines established for the professionals – engineering consultant, planning consultant, traffic consultant, etc. L. Tietjen said he would continue to monitor this issue as he becomes more familiar with the process.

## **Other Business**

Please notify G. Brown if members are planning to attend the Chester County Historical Preservation Network 2009 Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Wednesday, June 24, 2009. We have the opportunity to submit request for payment prior to the event.

G. Brown has not received a copy of J. Michael’s notes for file for the Middle School presentation.

As no one was available Memorial Day weekend to assist Mrs. Manley on a Historical Town Tour, G. Brown gave Mrs. Manley a copy of notes recorded by Mrs. Willow of a ‘drive around East Coventry with Harvey Kulp’ to assist in locating historic properties of notability.

G. Brown asked if everyone had received the e-mail response to Mr. Pete Stanson from California confirming the Towpath Park signs are indeed in Towpath Park along Route 724 and not in Fricks Locks. She also responded that the signs were researched, developed, and erected by Bill Dougherty as an Eagle Scout Project.

Copies of past Historical Commission calendars were given to L. Tietjen for Mrs. Louise Tietjen in recognition of her hours volunteering to assist P. Snyder and A. Keen with the Historical Commission files.

G. Brown noted Mr. Daylor, (Zoning Board Solicitor, East Coventry Township) passed away suddenly. Mr. Daylor was a valued member of our township community. Our sincere sympathy to the family.

G. Brown noted if members have not yet received their Chester County Ledger for June, 2009; it should be in the mail. Please let her know if you do not receive a copy.

**Adjournment**

P. Snyder made the motion to adjourn. L. Tietjen seconded the motion.  
The motion was unanimously approved 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Phyllis Snyder  
Secretary