

EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 2013

Attendance: Rosemarie Miller (Chairperson), Gail Brown (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member)-arrived at 7:10 p.m., Mariea Geho (Township Supervisor Liaison). Absent: Scott Fitzgerald (Member).

Meeting called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Gail Brown, Vice Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: Jim Hacker, township resident and Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide, and Leonard Shaner, township resident, attended meeting. They were interested in Fricks Locks tour feedback and had some questions and comments about the Village.

Minutes: A motion was made by Larry Tietjen to accept the May 8, 2013 meeting minutes and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 4-1-0.

New Business

1. Gail received information from Bob Weis and Seth Hinshaw for a Property Research Committee which we will discuss later.
2. The question was posed to change the name of the Volunteer Tour Guide Committee but there was no interest in changing the name.
3. The use of the apostrophe in Frick's Locks Village was discussed. A motion was made by Larry Tietjen and seconded by P. Morton to stay consistent with Estelle Cremers' spelling in the National Register and eliminate the apostrophe (Fricks) and to pluralize (Locks). Approved 3-0-2.

Old Business

1. "Battle of the Clouds" report: tabled for tonight as S. Fitzgerald is not present.
2. The Annual Chester County Historical Preservation Network Volunteer Celebration on June 19, 2013 will be attended by G. Brown, P. Morton, R. Miller, S. Fitzgerald and M. Geho as approved by the East Coventry Board of Supervisors.

Committees

1. Oral History Committee: R. Caldwell and R. Miller will get together on this.
2. Archives Committee: Ann Keen and Louise Tietjen continue to work steadily each week.
3. Volunteer Tour Guide Committee:
 - Fricks Locks Village tours were scheduled and conducted on Community Day, June 1, 2013 and June 8, 2013.

- Gail prepared and distributed Fricks Locks brochures; the Township phone number will be added to it. Group tour requests should be referred to the Township at 610-495-5443.
- Holly Ferrera-Feldman is interested in being a tour guide and is active in Scouts and the PTA. She is eager to help with activities.
- The Exelon Public Access Document was read by Gail. Security protocol was discussed and will need to be signed annually by each volunteer.
- The Township has provided a first aid kit for use in the Village. Gail transports chairs, table, trash cans and cold water for the volunteers each time the Village is open.
- We still need a shed, benches and shelter from potential storms.
- A copy of an ad for free newspaper advertising was distributed by Gail.
- Rosemarie Miller reports a contact with a Temple Rd., North Coventry resident who offered to help with future needs such as costuming and reenactments.

Planning Commission Liaison Report

Larry Tietjen reports the Commission met last month to reorganize as Mr. Harold Kulp passed away. Walt Woessner was appointed Chairperson and Larry Tietjen was appointed Vice Chairperson.

Other Business

1. The Chester County Historic Society sent us 5 cards to use for library research. Four guest passes were dispersed.
2. Gail donated her copy of the book, "The History of Fricks Locks, East Coventry Township, Chester County, Pennsylvania" Volume 1, by Paul Sumner Frick to the Township archives.
3. Lynne Coine sent a very gracious card to the Historical Commission.
4. Gail shared up-coming Preservation Pa. events.
5. Mariea and Rosemarie attended the Preservation Award luncheon at the Marriott in Philadelphia, Pa. on May 15, 2013.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. was made by P. Morton and seconded by R. Miller. Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary