

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Gail Brown.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by Larry Tietjen to accept the June 12, 2013 meeting minutes as amended and seconded by A. Keen. Approved 5-0-0.

New Business

1. Property Search Committee: By consensus, we are not ready to form this committee at this time. We have three properties to research related to "The Battle of the Clouds." Gail will provide copies of research instructions.
2. Chester County Historical Society has made an on-line questionnaire which Gail has emailed to each Commission member for completion.
3. G. Brown emphasized that the Chester County Historical Society (CCHS) memberships provided by the Township, in addition to museum admission, are for the purpose of archives research and programs. She suggested, as an excellent reference and use of the information available at the CCHS, the footnotes of the Frens and Frens, LLC, document prepared by Kathleen Abplanalp, Ph. D., as provided on the township web page.
4. Planning: Fricks Locks Village will be on the 2014 Town Tours and Village Walks which we will need to start planning. P. Morton attended the Kimberton Village Town Walk on June 20, 2013 and gave a report.
5. Public Inquiry: Virginia Collins, Limerick Historical Society, wanted information on Paul S. Frick's book-"The History of Fricks Locks." Gail contacted the author's son, Paul, in order to refer Ms. Collins to him.

Old Business

1. "The Battle of the Clouds" is an open item to be completed in the future.
2. The 2013 CCHPN Volunteer Recognition celebration in Historic Sugartown Village, Malvern, Pa. was attended by G. Brown, R. Miller, P. Morton, M. Geho and S. Fitzgerald and his wife on Wednesday, June 19 2013. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Committees

1. **Oral History Committee:** tabled as members were not present.
2. **Archives Committee:** A. Keen, M. Geho and Louise Tietjen have newspaper clipping files up to date and professionally archived.
3. **Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee:**
 - G. Brown explained the Village tour operation to Sue and Meg Brown who expressed interest in volunteering.
 - Paul Trimmer, Tour Guide, researched questions that came up at the VIP Tour regarding a “General Fighting Joe Hooker” and the barn being used for mules only. He found no evidence to confirm either.
 - Gail read an excerpt from the book, “Schuylkill Navigation: A Photographic History” which explained how the number of locks on the canal system changed over time.
 - Gail is revising the Fricks Locks brochure. M. Geho will provide ‘directional’ information to Fricks Locks to be included in the brochure.
 - Gail showed a highlighted map of the Village which shows where visitors are allowed to walk which can be used by tour guides.
 - Mariea will contact R. Kolb, Public Works Department, to address the muddy road area on the Village road in front of the gate.
 - The ‘ Emergency Preparedness and Security Protocols for Conducting Visitors through Fricks Locks’ as stated on our agreement with Exelon, were reviewed and distributed.
 - On June 22, 2013 nineteen visitors toured the Village.

Planning Commission Liaison Report

Liaison, Larry Tietjen, reports that at the last Planning Commission meeting an Eckhart Subdivision sketch plan was presented for new development. The property is located off Vaughn Rd. near Giovanni’s Restaurant. It includes single homes on a cul-de-sac which preserves open space and avoids surrounding historic properties. A Cultural Resource Notice (CRN) would be required with the Preliminary Plan. It would be beneficial to request the Historical Commission to be copied on all the developers’ submittals of the CRN along with the required attachments to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). This would allow the Historical Commission to be in the fifteen (15) review cycle and would be expeditious for all involved.

Other Business

1. The Chester County Preservation Fair is on October 26, 2013 at Historic Yellow Springs.
2. Central Pa. Preservation Society (CPPS) is having a historic restorations millwork shop in Lancaster, Pa. on July 24, 2013.
3. Exelon is making a film for their Web site on Fricks Locks which they will share with us when completed. M. Geho participated in the filming.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by P. Morton at 9:10 p.m. and was seconded by A. Keen.
Approved 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary