

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 2011**

Attendance: Rosemarie Miller (Chairperson), Gail Brown(Vice Chairperson), Ann Keen (Member), Phyl Snyder (Member), Larry Tietjen (Member), Penny Morton (Member), Jane Davidson (East Coventry Historical Consultant(ECHC), Mariea Geho (East Coventry Twp (ECT) Supervisor liaison), Rugene Caldwell (Secretary).

**Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by R Miller (Chairperson)
Pledge of Allegiance**

R. Miller (Chairperson) introduced Jim Garrison from Frens & Frens, LLC to lead a discussion regarding the fence around the Exclusionary Boundary at Fricks Lock Village.

J. Davidson (ECHC) being absent from July 13, 2011 meeting, asked the following questions of J Garrison regarding the Proposed Treatment of Buildings at Fricks Lock Village.

1. Is the fence temporary or permanent? J. Garrison responded that it is a 5 year fence. J Davidson stated, the application will need to have more specification.
2. Has anyone been in discussion with the Chester County government regarding the placement of the Trail as it passes through Fricks Locks? J. Garrison stated that there must be something in writing between Chester County and Exelon regarding the trail. Frens & Frens are only the expediters of the plan.
3. Are you aware that field being farmed will need to gain access through the Exclusionary Boundary? J. Garrison stated that Exelon will need to address this issue.
4. Will we be given details on the placement of the fence? J. Garrison stated that the next drawing will give details on the placement of the fence.

At 7:18 pm a motion to recess to Fricks Lock Village to do a walk-through of the plans for the fence was made by P. Snyder, seconded by L. Tietjen. Motion passed 6-0-0.

Arriving at Fricks Lock Village we were joined by B. Rogers, East Coventry Township Manager, M. Moyer, East Coventry Township Supervisor and G. Brown, ECHC Vice Chairman. The group walked along Fricks Lock Road as J. Garrison pointed the planned placement of the fence which was marked by flags. The fence, in this proposal, goes behind buildings and stone walls where possible. Because of costs, wetlands and dense tree area would be avoided. Also some historical stone landmarks such as the stone bridge would be outside the fence

After the walk there was an open discussion with J. Garrison during which he stated that no mothballed buildings would be in the fenced area and that there will be a gate across Fricks Lock Road just past mothballed building #17-Frame Building. Among the questions raised was that some portions of the Exclusionary Boundary were not within the fence, and how do we keep people out of the Exclusionary Boundary? J. Garrison stated that all concerns need to be in writing to Exelon as soon as possible. J. Garrison also noted that

there is a budget for this project and that the more money spent on the fence, the less there would be available for restoration.

Exelon expects to hard line this project by August 31, 2011, therefore all members of the ECHC were asked to get their concerns to J. Davidson as soon as possible and she will get a letter off to Exelon next week listing all the ECHC concerns for the project. L. Tietjen will review the original agreement to see if the present plans are in agreement.

At 8:45 pm the ECHC reconvened at the East Coventry Township building.

A brief discussion continued with J. Garrison. Chairperson, R. Miller, thanked J. Garrison for his participation in this Fricks Lock review.

Minutes

Minutes of the July 13, 2011 ECHC meeting were reviewed. A motion to accept the minutes as amended was made by P. Snyder and seconded by R. Miller. Motion passed 6-0-1, L. Tietjen abstained.

Fricks Lock

It was announced that a meeting concerning Fricks Lock will take place in Harrisburg on August 16, 2011 with Exelon and The Pennsylvania Historic & Museum Commission, at which time Frens & Frens will make the presentation. ECHC members are invited to attend. Several members hoped to be able to join J. Davidson in attending this meeting.

J. Davidson asked that the ECHC members please make note of the following two statements.

1. All decisions, henceforth, concerning Fricks Lock will be with conditional approval, depending upon any state and or federal agency reviewing the scope of activity within the undertaking. If there are any changes, the proposed changes need to be submitted to the ECHC for review.
2. As of now the project is not receiving any money, thus we do not need a Pennsylvania Wood Strike Off Letter.

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R. Miller and G. Brown along with Brian Hunsberger looked at the wall which the ECHC had recommended that repairs were needed. L. Tietjen stated the Planning Commission had added a note on the drawings which require final approval by the Historical Commission of the stone wall when the Right of Occupancy is submitted and prior to approval.

Planning Commission – No report

Other Business

P. Snyder donated a 48 star United States Flag and a framed description about it, along with two books to the ECHC. Chairperson R. Miller on behalf of The Historic Commission thanked her for these donations.

Adjournment

P. Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by P. Morton. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Rugene Caldwell, Secretary