

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by G. Brown, Vice Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion to accept the July 10, 2013 meeting minutes was made by A. Keen and seconded by P. Morton. Approved 4-0-0.

New Business

1. A motion was made to notify B. Rodgers, Township Manager, of the updated listing of historical properties which are 'listed' or 'eligible' for the National Register by R. Miller and seconded by G. Brown. Approved 4-0-0. The two additional properties are the River Bend Farm (now listed as being located in East Coventry Township) and the canal from Laurel Locks through Fricks Locks.
2. A motion was made by R. Miller and seconded by A. Keen to write an article for Parks and Recreation about Fricks Locks by August 27, 2013 for the Township Newsletter. Approved 4-0-0.
3. Hand-outs were distributed from the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions for 'Forum 2014':
 - "Code of Ethics" for Commissions and staff.
 - "Save the Date" for Forum 2014 to be held in Philadelphia July 16-20, 2014.
4. The Township Board of Supervisors approved the request to deny video recording by any media in Fricks Locks Village. This information will be added to the Fricks Locks brochure.
5. Chester County Historic Preservation Network (CCHPN) created a survey of this year's Volunteer Recognition Celebration of 6/19/13 for members' completion.

Old Business

1. Copies of Research Criteria for the "Battle of the Clouds" were distributed.
2. M. Geho gave a report on the Public Works Dept. resolution of pooling water on Fricks Locks Road. This will be addressed at the September 9, 2013 Stakeholders Meeting.
3. We discussed the need to start planning for the 2014 Town Tour and Village Walks as Fricks Locks will be on the itinerary. R. Miller will contact the lady who makes period costumes.

4. Gail Brown and Scott Fitzgerald attended the 7/12/13 Town Tours/Village Walks at Historic Yellow Springs which featured the movie, "The Blob." They enjoyed it very much and gave reports on the experience.

Committees

1. **Oral History Committee:** R. Miller and R. Caldwell will get together to get things started.
2. **Archives Committee:** A. Keen and M. Geho have completed the archiving of all newspaper clippings which they have also indexed on the computer. They showed us the completed file cards and computer files. Nice work!
3. **Fricks Locks Volunteer Committee:** Gail reviewed the new brochure which she revised to include Mariea's road directions and the approved ban on video recording. Brochures will be buff colored background with black ink. They need to be distributed throughout the community. Village sign colors will be dark red and buff. Tour attendance is increasing which is important for continuing support from Exelon. Gail gave a report on the numbers of people attending tours for each date the Village was open so far this year. We need to start preparing for school group tours.

Planning Commission Liaison Report

Eckhart Subdivision- Larry Tietjen was absent. Gail submitted information on the Vaughn property from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission CRGIS program.

Other Business

1. 2013 Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Awards Luncheon will be held September 27, 2013 at the Sunnybrook Ballroom, Pottstown, Pa. Exelon has won another award for the Fricks Locks Village restoration. M. Geho, Township Supervisor, will attend. A motion was made by R. Miller and seconded by G. Brown to submit a letter to the Township Board of Supervisors requesting approval for P. Morton to also attend the ceremony. Approved 4-0-0.
2. Phoenixville Town Walking Tour is seeking volunteers to do a walking tour and an assessment of town, trail and river.
3. Project Pathway (106 Notification System) is having a photo contest.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. was made by P. Morton and seconded by A. Keen. Approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary

