

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Gail Brown, Vice Chairperson.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: Jim Hacker, Fricks Locks volunteer tour guide, observed the meeting.

Minutes: A motion was made by R. Miller and seconded by S. Fitzgerald to approve the Wednesday, October 11, 2013 meeting minutes. Approved 6-0-0.

Old Business

1. Fricks Locks/Schuylkill River Trail Kiosk: P. Morton and R. Miller met with David Stauffer, Chester County, Department of Facilities & Parks, on Friday, September 13, 2013 at the East Coventry Township Bldg. to give him Ann Keen's original art work of Fricks Locks scenes and various forms of historical information for use on the kiosk. Bernard Rodgers, Township Manager, was also present. Dana Melia, Exelon liaison, was not present but has given a positive response to our request for a Fricks Locks Stakeholders community stewardship photo and article for the one side of kiosk.
2. New Township Webpage for Historical Commission: Gail circulated sample webpages from other area townships to get ideas and will follow up with B. Rodgers, Mgr.
3. Pa. Historic Preservation Awards luncheon on September 27, 2013 at Sunnybrook Ballroom was attended by R. Miller, P. Morton and M. Geho. A tour of Fricks Locks Village to interested luncheon attendees was given by P. Morton, R. Miller and R. Caldwell (Volunteer). Senator Dinniman presented an award to the township for the Village.
4. "Battle of the Clouds"- S. Fitzgerald and his friend, D. Wagner, will meet to work on this project.

New Business

1. Historical Commission 2014 Budget: per B. Rodgers, the 2014 budget is the same as 2013. R. Miller gave a report on her research into the purchase of a storage shed/mini-barn for Fricks Locks Village. Prices do not include pad or delivery charges. Rose will continue to get more estimates and meet with Mr. Rodgers. We discussed the need for Village benches which ideally could be built by Eagle Scouts. We also need a permanent roofed shelter for the registration area. We should do a spring clean-up of the Village next year.

2. National Alliance of Preservation Form 2014 and Town Tours and Village Walks 2014: Karen Marshall and G. Brown discussed tour guide needs for the July 17, 2014 Alliance Tour 2:30-4:00 p.m. followed by a Village Town Tour 5:30-7:00 p.m. on the same date.
3. Discussed the group tour guide picture to be taken on October 26, 2013 after the final tour and the end of season tour guide party at Gail's house on Saturday, November 9, 2013.
4. Gail discussed a letter of September 19, 2013 addressed to B. Rodgers from the Chester County Dept. of Community Development regarding a property on Bethel Church Rd. applying for a loan to rehabilitate a historical property. They have not yet applied for a permit. Gail will contact them.
5. Discussed the National Geographic channel program, "Diggers," which Exelon may bring to Fricks Locks. It will be brought up at the next Stakeholders meeting. May be security concerns. Proposed project will require a Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission review.
6. Jane L. S. Davidson historical documents: email received from Randy Davidson, Jane's son, to notify us that he has 40 boxes of historical information, some of which will come to the HC gradually.
7. Gail will check with the township to see if the membership fee to the Chester County Historic Preservation Network has been paid.

Committees

1. **Oral History Committee:** R. Miller and R. Caldwell are talking about it.
2. **Archives Committee:** work is continuing.
3. **Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide Committee:** discussed last tour of September 28, 2013. We had 53 guests and turned away 20(late arrivals). Mrs. Pandey is working on Fricks Locks Village promotion.

Planning Commission Liaison Report-L.Tietjen

"Whispering Wood" vacant lot—proposing another townhome/open space project. There are no historical resources on the property to be impacted but there are still issues to be addressed.

Other Business

1. Letter from Karen Marshall to Chester County Historical Commissions and Committees was presented regarding a request for Chester County historic buildings that have found contemporary use for the next CCATO Directory. Categories provided.
2. Chester County Fair is 10/26/13. Most of us will be working Fricks Locks Village that day.
3. Chester County Historical Society possesses one of the top ten historical items. Programs reviewed.
4. Historic Tax Credit—"prosperity through preservation" article.
5. Keystone Preservation Post news presented.

Adjournment

A motion was made by P. Morton to adjourn at 10:07 p.m. and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 6-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Penny Morton". The signature is written in black ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Penny Morton, Secretary