

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2013

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments: None

Minutes: A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald and was seconded by P. Morton to accept the November 13, 2013 meeting minutes. Approved 4-0-0

Old Business

1. Fricks Locks Stakeholders Meeting of Monday, November 1, 2013: P. Morton and G. Brown gave reports:
 - Property Update-included the topics of trespassers, hunters, gaps under fencing, damages to the Manor House and the Burns House, and weed spraying on 9/13/13.
 - Feasibility Study Update-\$5,000 is needed by 12/31/13. B Rodgers, Township Manager, has submitted a grant request. A grant extension to tie in with the Schuylkill River Trail is being pursued.
 - Interpretive Signage-Schuylkill River Heritage will pay for all signage costs but the Township will need to install it when finished. The Historic Commission has submitted related information to the County.
 - Demonstration Hiking Trail & Trailhead Amenities- the tentative date for completion is now 2015. The County is working on an easement proposal.
 - Village Tours Update-Fricks Locks Village hosted 313 visitors in 2013. We need a storage shed, benches, and a permanent structure/roof over the registration table area. An expansion in the parking lot seems inevitable. We will need to do a spring walk-through and cleanup of the Village.
 - The next Stakeholders Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2014.
2. Battle of the Clouds Meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2013 at the West Whiteland Municipal Building was attended by S. Fitzgerald who gave his report. He received a DVD on the 2012-2013 ABPP Battle of the Clouds, a technical report and a map which will be filed in our archives.
3. 2014 Budget Status: The new 2014 budget was passed at the Township Supervisors Meeting.

Committees

1. **Oral History Committee:** No one present.
2. **Archives Committee:** A. Keen reports work continues on schedule.
3. **Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide Committee:** We are seeking new members and to expand our community outreach. Also, we will be working on the Town Tours before the season begins.

Planning Commission Liaison Report-L. Tietjen: tabled as L. Tietjen was not present.

Other Business: None

Adjournment

A motion was made by A. Keen at 7:35 p.m. to adjourn and was seconded by S. Fitzgerald. Approved 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary