

EAST COVENTRY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016

Attendance: Gail Brown (Chairperson), Scott Fitzgerald (Vice Chairperson), Penny Morton (Secretary), Ann Keen (Member), Larry Tietjen (Planning Commission Liaison/Member).

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: A motion was made by S. Fitzgerald to approve the meeting minutes of Wednesday, August 10, 2016 and was seconded by A. Keen. Approved 5-0-0

Public Comments: An inquiry was made by Peter Kovacic, 1210 Schoolhouse Rd., Pottstown, Pa. 19465 regarding the future use of the Fairview II property on Schoolhouse Rd. He was also interested in the Fricks Locks Village plans.

New Business

1. Maria Geho passed away on Tuesday, September 13, 2016. She served the township in many diverse ways for many years and we will miss her.
2. Section 106 Invitation to Comment: A package of information was supplied to the commission for review with a request for a Historical Commission consulting party for comment. G. Brown made a motion for L. Tietjen to be the consulting party for East Coventry Township with G. Brown as an alternate. S. Fitzgerald seconded the motion. Approved 5-0-0

Old Business

1. The township's Fall Newsletter article for October was written and submitted to the township by G. Brown.
2. The Enclave at Ellis Woods – Historical Impact Study: G. Brown had inquiries concerning East Coventry Township Historic Resource Impact Study criteria for The Enclave at Ellis Woods. The Township sent pages 168.35, 168.36 and 168.37 of SALDO, Ord. 128, July 19, 2004, as amended through Ord. 133, May 16, 2005 and the 1981 Historic Resource Form to interested parties.

Committees

1. Oral History Committee: S. Fitzgerald (Chairperson). No activity.
2. Archives Committee: A. Keen (Chairperson). Unable to add items to the computer without the help of M. Geho. G. Brown volunteered to assist with the computer.
3. Fricks Locks Volunteer Tour Guide Committee: G. Brown, P. Morton (Co-Chairpersons). One person signed up as a volunteer tour guide. The September 24, 2016 tour was canceled due to staff shortage.

Other Business

1. D. Melia sent an invitation for the Historical Commission/Fricks Locks to participate in Exelon’s Community Day Open House but we declined as we had a shortage of volunteers.
2. The next Stakeholders Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in the township building.
3. The retirement celebration for East Coventry Township Police Chief, John Theobald, was attended by G. Brown on Wednesday, September 7, 2016.
4. East Coventry Township Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan: A questionnaire will be included in the township’s October Newsletter. A copy was provided for our review.

Planning Commission Liaison Report – L. Tietjen

The parking area at the Parkerford traffic light is being enhanced. A map showing the Schuylkill River Trail routing was reviewed. Completion of the trail will take another two years. A request was sent to the County for \$500,000 for Fricks Locks Village infrastructure, building renovations and trail construction. Future lease vs. ownership issues were explained for Fricks Locks development.

Adjournment

A motion was made by L. Tietjen at 8:07 p.m. to adjourn and S. Fitzgerald seconded the motion.
Approved 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted,

Penny Morton, Secretary