

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, Jan 5, 2015
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Joe Becker, Kathy Sciarello, Carl Molter, Larry LaFevre

Guests: Elizabeth McKenzie, Lynn Bellis

Excused: Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner, Dan Bush

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 11, 2014.

The 2015 reorganization was postponed until the Feb 2nd meeting.

The December minutes were approved as submitted.

Historic 'checklist' per Board of Adjustment/Planning Board – Elizabeth McKenzie:

Betsy McKenzie, our town planner, was present to explain a suggestion from the Board of Adjustment/Planning Board to amend their application checklists to include a referral to the HPC whenever historic sites or sites in historic districts are involved. Apparently this came about in reference to an application to construct a new house in or near the Pursley's Ferry district. Larry mentioned that our ordinance does empower us to review these applications but it has been rarely exercised. Kathy said that when the Amsterdam historic district was created, the property owners were specifically told that the designation would not impact individual projects but only public projects. Betsy noted that our cultural landscapes and view sheds are valuable and a significant element of what makes Holland special. It would be very helpful for these boards to have our input. Our master plan did have a historic preservation element, but it was removed from the latest version. Betsy will check if there is 'Highlands money' to use on the creation of a new historic preservation plan element. There was a brief discussion about how and to what degree to implement any HPC review of applications. Larry will try to obtain an e-version of the sample checklist that Betsy provided and distribute it before the next meeting.

Other Business:

- HC 300 – Larry acknowledged and thanked Joe for serving as Holland Township's representative to the 300th Committee throughout 2014!
- The Shaffer/Kulp house documentation was emailed to the members; Kathy has a couple corrections.
- The Apgar barn dendro dated to 1809; the final report will be distributed in Jan.
- Application is being prepared for a \$3000 grant to dendro date 4 barns in 2015.
- On Dec 19, Caroline Scott from SHPO was given a tour of the proposed Barker Tract historic district.
- Larry thanked Neal McKintosh for the Gilbert tour by dropping of a holiday thank you card and small box of chocolates.
- Kathy reminded us that we should address the condition of the historic structures on the Hoffman farms!
- Kathy said there may be an historic photo of Jan Rogers' farm that we should scan if available.

Show & Tell: N/A

Next Meeting(s): Feb 2nd, Mar 2nd.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM.