

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, January 4, 2016
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello

Guest: Laurie Stone

Excused: Shirley Wydner

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Township Clerk on November 12, 2015.

Minutes of the December 2015 meeting were approved.

Reorganization

All appointed. Joe Becker was appointed as Vice-Chairperson.

New Website Information

Larry LaFevre discussed the new Holland Township website. Kathy Sciarello mentioned that the historic photographs are now scrolling, instead of categorized. Larry said that we could discuss how the photographs should be displayed, and then make a recommendation. Larry also stated that we must send the Commission's agenda each month, followed by minutes after they are approved. All 2013, 2014 and 2015 agendas and minutes, along with final reports, were submitted to the website by Larry. Kathy asked if it is possible to include Commission reports on local historic homes. Dan Bush agreed, stating that this is public information.

Bunn Valley District Update

Larry announced that the Friends of Holland Highlands issued a check to Dennis Bertland for \$1,000. Larry said he took Janice Armstrong for a recent visit to houses and barns at Hoffman Farms. Additional photographs need to be taken.

Oral Histories

Larry expressed an idea for an oral history project focusing on personal recollections and remembrances of Pearl Harbor Day. Larry indicated that a group approach would be difficult to implement, instead of individual interviews. Peter Craig emphasized the need to carefully record and document stories from each person.

Correspondence

Larry stated that the Commission received a letter from the URS Corporation on behalf of the PennEast Pipeline Company, LLC requesting identification of any historic and cultural resources that would be impacted by the proposed pipeline route. Larry said that the Township attorney

replied and agreed to cooperate, provided that the latest and all alternative routes and information is received.

Larry mentioned that the new pipeline route passes through multiple burial grounds. He passed around a map illustrating the new route. Larry introduced Laurie Stone, resident of the old Eichlin Farm on Riegelsville Road, and former proprietor of Stones Antiques in Frenchtown. The planned PennEast pipeline crosses a known burial ground (documented in 1917) on Ms. Stone's property. Surface collections on the property about eight years with Mr. Bill Humphries uncovered a burial. Dr. Edward Struve and the Oklahoma Lenape have been notified. Funding for professional archeological research is being sought from the New Jersey Conservation Foundation (NJCF).

Dan Bush said that a fully documented response should be a collaboration between the Commission and the Township attorney. Larry agreed to draft response with a list to share. A follow-up meeting with the Township attorney will be scheduled. Dan stressed the importance of supplying good documentation in the response. Where specific documentation is not available now, it should be referenced. Larry emphasized that whatever is sent to URS should also be sent to FERC.

Other Business

- Joe mentioned the recent passing of two notable local historians; Mr. Ronald Wykoop and Mr. Frank Stull.
- Tour of Bethany Ridge – Scheduled for 10:00AM, Saturday, January 23rd
- Township Maps - Peter asked Larry to sign the order for the printing of additional maps.

Show & Tell

- Larry shared article on Lumberville from Bucks County Magazine.
- Larry will send out 72 Hour Barns and Bridges Tour online.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 1st, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:47PM