

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, May 2, 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, Kathy Sciarello, S. Wydner

Excused: Carl Molter

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 April 2016 meeting were approved.

Book – Early Life and Traditions: 1891 – 1895

Kathy Sciarello stated that she received an initial shipment of 60 books at a 30% discount, for a total of \$462.00. Dan Bush agreed to donate one book to the Holland Township School. All other complimentary copies are already delivered. The invoice / voucher has been submitted to the Township and paid.

Holland Rural Agricultural Historic District and Pipeline Update

Larry LaFevre discussed a letter from URS to the Holland Township attorney that contained some inaccuracies. Larry said he would provide corrections to Mr. Richard Cushing, who will respond directly to URS. Larry mentioned that URS indicated receipt of all documentation related to the Holland District Site from the Historic Preservation Office (HPO). Larry said he would provide a copy of the letter to Mr. Dan Saunders of the HPO.

John Fine / Cyphers Farmstead

Larry stated that he sent a letter regarding the proposed solar farm. He also said that he sent several photographs to Carl Molter, who recommended sending them to Maria Elena Kozak, the Planning Board Secretary.

Oral Histories – Raymond Harrison and Richard Miller

Larry said he is expecting a response from Mr. Harrison's son about scheduling an oral history interview. The interview should be scheduled soon.

Other Business

- Stagecoach / Wagon Route – Kathy Sciarello and Larry discussed the stagecoach route. Kathy showed a map that she developed with Larry showing two possible routes. Then, Kathy distributed a copy of the Holland Township Bicentennial Map of 1976 with the most likely route overlaid and highlighted in yellow. Larry recommended showing the research to Mr. Richard Miller when an oral history interview is scheduled. Joe Becker agreed to help locate Mr. Frank Miller who had information posted online.

- Tour of Bethany Ridge – Larry spoke about the recent Historic Preservation Commission tour of Bethany Ridge. Dan discussed the current status and possible outcome of the property.
- Frank Stull – Dan said discussions are underway to recognize Mr. Frank Stull and other members of the community at Riegel Ridge. A plaque with multiple names and a memorial installed in the grove area was discussed. Funding must come from private pledges and donations. Kathy recommended placing a plaque near the pool area for Mr. Stull.
- Hunterdon County 300th – Joe mentioned that activities are ongoing. Joe spoke about his attendance at a recent open house and tour sponsored by the Califon Historical Society beginning at the old railroad station. Tours are available the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month.
- Hunterdon County Community Day; Saturday, June 4th - This Commission will participate in Community Day. However, it will not participate in the upcoming Museum Days.
- Riegel Ridge Community Center “Behind the Scenes” Tour – Dan suggested contacting Jessica Neglia or Officer Sean Gutsick to schedule a tour. This space at Riegel Ridge is shared with OEM.
- Bunn Valley District – Larry said that Dennis Bertland is expected to respond this month. Photographs by Peter Craig are completed.

Show & Tell

- Dan showed at New Jersey State Flag given to him by Carol and Fred Blazure. Dan is donating the flag to Holland Township. A note was received with the flag that reads: “Flag flew over [NJ] Capitol. Presented to Fred Blazure 1969. Had it in Vietnam. Hope you can use it”. Dan stated that the flag should be hung or framed in the Township Municipal Building. Beverly Kirby-McDonough will write and acknowledgement and thank you letter for the donation.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 6th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:20PM