

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, June 6, 2016
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, 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 May 2016 meeting were approved.

Book / Sales / Correspondence

Larry LaFevre circulated an invitation to the upcoming John DiSarro dedication of the Holland Township Meeting Room on Tuesday, June 21st. RSVP date is June 15th. Larry also showed correspondence from the Holland School and Milford Public Library thanking this Commission for the donation of “*Early Life and Traditions: 1891 – 1895*” books.

Holland Agricultural Historic District and Pipeline Update

Larry reported that there is no update. He mentioned that the Holland Township attorney sent a letter to URS describing some inaccuracies in the URS Report.

Riegel Ridge Stage Rehabilitation Grant

Larry stated that the application is considered complete. Detailed specifications are still required in order to get approval from the Historic Preservation Office. Michael Margulies provided an estimate of \$10,000 to develop the specifications.

Hunterdon County Community Day Update

Joe Becker and Beverly Kirby-McDonough described participation in Hunterdon County Community Day on June 4th. No books were sold during Community Day. Joe and Beverly agreed to look into purchasing an appropriate sign for the tent / canopy that can be used for future events to draw more attention to the Historic Preservation Commission display.

Other Business

- Hunterdon County 300th – Joe reported no update, but many programs are still being sponsored that are listed on the 300th website. Joe mentioned that other sources of interesting events are the Hunterdon Democrat, Hunterdon Observer and the Bucks County Herald. Also, there are upcoming lectures sponsored by the Morristown & Morris Township Library such as “Dating Historic Buildings” – June 14th and “Saving the American Country House: Buildings and Landscapes Together” - June 22nd.
- Bunn Valley District – Larry reported no update. Hoffman Farms is scheduled to be auctioned off on June 9th by Max Spann Realty.

- John Fine / Cyphers Farmstead – Carl Molter stated that this item has not yet appeared on the Planning Board agenda, so it has not been discussed.
- Oral Histories: K. Harrison and R. Miller – Larry said he spoke with Mr. Harrison who indicated that he has time constraints. Larry suggested scheduling a date with Mr. Miller first to discuss maps and / or conduct an interview.
- Hunterdon County History Mapping Project – Larry indicated that Marilyn Cummings would like Holland to add 18th century taverns and roads to this map.
- Riegel Ridge Community Center “Behind the Scenes” – Tour of basement and upstairs / attic to be scheduled.
- Historian seeking research material for high school curriculum – Larry said that he provided the nomination for Pursley’s Ferry District, five or six photographs taken along the narrows showing the rock formations and geology. He said he also described lime kilns at Gravel Hill and local quarries.

Show & Tell

Larry shared the following items:

- Hunterdon Historical Record: Vol. 52, No. 2 – Spring 2016
- Newsletter of the Bucks County Historical Society: Vol. 30, No. 2 – 2016
- Notice of Exhibit - “Long May She Wave: A Graphic History of the American Flag” from July 2 to November 6 at the Mercer Museum
- Original architectural drawings and blueprints of the Riegel Ridge Community Center dated 1938. These were created by Mr. James Gamble Rogers, Architect located at 156 East 46th Street, New York, New York. Returned to the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission by Mr. John Bolt, who was the architect during the restoration.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 1, at 7:00PM **No Meeting in September**

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM