

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, November 7, 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,

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 June 2016 meeting were approved.

Fine/Cyphers Farm Solar Field Update

Carl Molter stated that the application was deemed incomplete last month. It has not been submitted to the Planning Board yet.

Holland Agricultural Historic District and Pipeline Update

Larry LaFevre reported that there is no update at this time.

Bunn Valley District Update

Larry mentioned that Dennis Bertland started to write up *Phase II*. A digital map of the area is required, and the County agreed to prepare the map. Larry will follow up with the County to ask when they can meet to discuss specific details of the district map.

Riegel Ridge Stage Update

Larry reported that a grant of \$75K has been received to restore the stage. Michael Margulies is hired under a special services agreement to do preliminary design through completion. However, additional photographs are needed to illustrate what the original stage looked like to aid in the restoration. Larry said that some photographs have been found, both close up and far back, that will help. Joseph Becker mentioned that some photographs are tagged in the Frank Stull portfolio. The pictures will be scanned by Kathy Sciarello and shared.

Dan stated that he discussed future grant projects with Michael Margulies. This includes refurbishing and installing interior storm windows on the second and third floors, as well as glazing of windows in the gymnasium.

Grants Workshop

Larry stated that he attended the ADA Grant Workshop hosted by the Hunterdon County Cultural Heritage Commission. Beverly Kirby-McDonough attended the County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Grant Workshop. Attendance at these workshops are required for Grant eligibility. (Both workshops were hosted in September.)

Train to Milford

There was a brief discussion about the presence of “Millie” at Milford Alive on September 24th. Dan Bush said that a letter was received from Milford Borough requesting the support of Holland Township in terms of applying for a grant. The Township approved, and a positive response was sent back to Milford.

Correspondence

- Mt. Amwell Project Seminar: Larry said the seminar related to the preservation and protection the graves of American heroes in old cemeteries. The seminar was not attended, but may be offered again in the future.
- Hughesville Dam Project: A letter from the New Jersey DEP / HPO was included in meeting handouts. Letter expressed approval of plans for the dam removal. Joe mentioned that he attended the dam breaching ceremony on October 8th. Attendees included the US Secretary of the Interior and the head of the Army Corp of Engineers.
- **Other Business**
- Oral Histories – R. Harrison and R. Miller: Larry mentioned that he and Joe met with Ray Harrison. Joe taped and took some notes. A full oral history interview can be scheduled after November 15th. An interview can be scheduled with R. Miller in November or December.
- Suida/Rothenberg Farmstead: Larry discussed the Suida Farmstead located on Miller Park Road. The farmstead was purchased by Rothenberg, and will be farmland preserved. Larry described the large house as lodge-like with huge timbers. New owner expressed an interest in a separate dwelling unit for a farm labor or manager. Larry discussed the possibility of bringing the original bank house out of storage for replacement on the property.
- Dendrochronology: Larry handed out an article, “*Dating Barns in Holland Township, NJ, with Dendrochronology*”, from the National Barn Alliance (Spring/Summer 2016). Larry expressed that he would like to document two more barns this year, if funding is available.
- Riegel Ridge Community Center “Behind the Scenes” Tour: To be scheduled.
- Hunterdon County 300th: Joe gave a report of the 2017 theme, “*Hunterdon at War – The Homefront*”. Donations of items and artifacts are encouraged.

Show & Tell

Carl showed an interesting hat from Moldova, made of mushrooms, that he received as a gift.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 5th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM