

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2016
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig, 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 November 2016 meeting were approved.

Bunn Valley District Update

Larry LaFevre reported that *Phase I* is complete. *Phases I and II* were due for completion by November 2016. A new map was developed with a typed index. Larry said that he and Dennis Bertland met with the County staff last week. The County agreed to prepare the electronic maps. Two digital (11" x 17") maps are required by the Historic Preservation Office. Larry showed examples of the two maps; a photo identification map and a historic district boundary map. Larry also mentioned that the narrative is near completion and will be submitted with the maps to the State. Next steps include a Commission meeting with Dennis Bertland, and then a public meeting. Larry will provide status of the grant to Michael Keady which came through the Friends of Holland Highlands from the Highlands Coalition.

Oral Histories: Harrison and Miller

Beverly Kirby-McDonough and Joseph Becker gave an overview of the oral history interview with Mr. Kenneth Harrison held on Sunday, November 27, 2016.

Barn Dendro Project

Larry stated that there are two or three barns scheduled for sampling this week. Barn owners include Norman Carlson (Bellis Road), Bob Phillips and Mike Hammerstone (again). Larry confirmed with the CFO that there is sufficient funding available in the budget to cover the studies.

Riegel Ridge Stage Update

Larry said there is no update, but the project is moving forward. He plans to meet with Dan Bush and Michael Margulies this Wednesday. Also, Larry circulated a letter from the State of New Jersey – DEP related to the Bethany Ridge Lodge. The letter indicates that trail creation is acceptable, but structural improvements must be approved.

Other Business

- Fine/Cyphers Farm Solar Field Update – Carl Molter stated that the application is now complete. The project is on the agenda for discussion at the public meeting scheduled in

January. Interest has been expressed in salvaging timbers, but cultural resources are not on the checklist. The project includes a decommission plan.

- Holland Ag Historic District and Pipeline Update – Larry stated that there is no update on the Holland District. The Historic Preservation Office has not responded. In terms of the pipeline, Larry discussed that a non-disclosure agreement was received from a Penn East attorney consisting of a cover letter with five pages. It will limit who can see related documentation. Larry showed a letter dated December 5, 2016 from Mayor R. Krov to the Secretary of FERC regarding Holland Township Committee comments on deviations made in Gravel Hill.
- Budget – Larry said that sufficient funding is available to cover three barns and documentation of either the S. Murphy house or a local spring-house.
- 2017 Meeting Dates and Reorganization - Reorganization meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 6th, at 7:00PM. 2017 meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of each month, excluding July and September.

Show & Tell – Books

- Joe shared “*The Story of Ironmaking Bloomery Forges at Picatinny Arsenal*” by E. S. Rutsch
- Larry shared “*Hex Signs: Myths and Meanings*” by D. Yoder
“*Pioneers of Old Hopewell*” by R. Ege
“*The Province of West Jersey 1609-1702*” by J. Pomfret

Next Meeting: Friday, January 6th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:07PM