

# **Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Monday, February 6, 2017  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM**

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

*Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act by the Township Clerk on December 8, 2016.*

### **2017 Reorganization**

Commission member, Peter Craig, was sworn in for an additional term.

Minutes of the January 2017 meeting were approved, as corrected.

### **Bunn Valley District Update**

Larry LaFevre reported progress. Melanie Mason, of the County Agricultural Development Board, provided a draft map of the Bunn Valley District. Larry passed the map around that showed contributing and non-contributing resources. Once approved, a second map will be created showing location of photographs and directions.

### **Fine/Cyphers Farm Solar Field Update**

Larry stated that he plans to tour the farm with Michael Margulies on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. An additional walkthrough is scheduled for February 21<sup>st</sup>. The feasibility of either rehabilitating or salvaging the property will be explored.

### **Pipeline Update**

Larry reported that the non-disclosure agreement has been processed, and two CD's were received from Penn East. Holland Township now has consulting party status. A deed search on the Gilbert Station lot was completed back to 1809. Larry mentioned that he recently attended a meeting on the topic of "eminent domain".

Dan Bush said that the Holland Township Committee applied for a \$5,000 grant from Penn East for emergency services equipment on behalf of OEM with no conditions attached. The Committee made it clear that the Township opposes the Penn East pipeline.

### **River Trade on the Delaware River – Dennis Bertland**

Larry spoke about River Trade on the Delaware River. This is a project started by Dennis Bertland. Mr. Bertland is planning to form a steering committee, develop a detailed project scope and identify grants and funding. The project is expected to promote historic tourism.

### **Other Business**

- 1896-1902 Holland Book – Kathy Sciarello provided an update on the progress of her latest book. The index is complete. Pictures need to be added, and formatting and printing is required. Some newspaper articles from 1898 and 1899 were unavailable..
- Robbins-Clark House and Wagon House – Larry reported that both structures are now gone. Fortunately, the property was documented in the past by Carla Cielo.
- Barn Dendro Project – Larry said that Michael Worthington updated the Hammerstone report by integrating data from previous sampling.
- Riegel Ridge Stage Update – Larry stated that the project was approved by the State Historic Preservation Office. Dan said he will meet with Michael Margulies, and the project will go out for bid. After the stage is completed, the gymnasium floor will be replaced using the Open Space Trust Fund. Dan mentioned that the Township will reapply for a County grant to support a new kitchen and two new bathrooms on the third floor of Riegel Ridge. Dan said a letter of recommendation is needed from the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission to support the third floor improvements.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Historic House Tour in Pohatcong – Larry announced that the tour is scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Oral Histories – R. Miller – To be scheduled.
- Riegel Ridge Community Center “Behind the Scenes” Tour - To be scheduled.

### **Show & Tell**

- Larry showed a photograph of Jeremiah Clark’s descendants taken in front of the Milford UCC Church about 1905.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 6th, at 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM**