

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2017
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Guests: Jim Walter, Erich Zeh, Tim Zeh

Excused: Dan Bush, Carl Molter, Shirley Wydner

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

Minutes of the March 2017 meeting were approved.

Bunn Valley District Update

Larry LaFevre stated that the application is about ready to be submitted to the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office (NJHPO) early this month for review and approval.

PennEast Pipeline Update

Larry said he received a call from Ms. Kaitlin Pluskota. She is employed by AECOM, an engineering firm, which is sub-contracted by PennEast to perform Section 106 review (historic research). Larry mentioned that Ms. Pluskota sent him an email, requesting documentation on 34 individual lot and block numbers. Blocks 13 – 27 are either on or near the pipeline route. This Commission has documentation on only about 9 of these. Larry asked whether or not the documentation should be provided. The consensus is that it should be up to each landowner to give permission to the Commission to release the documentation.

Publication Update

Kathy Sciarello passed around a copy of her new, fourth publication; *“Early Life and Traditions of Holland, N.J. – 1896 -1902”*. Copies will be ordered and made available for purchase in the Clerk’s Office. Kathy said she already commenced work on a fifth local history publication.

Other Business

The following agenda items were not covered:

- RR Stage Update
- Fine / Cyphers Solar Field
- Oral Histories – Choose dates for R. Miller
- Sign or Plaque for Robbins/Clark House Site

Show & Tell

- 1948 Frenchtown High School Yearbook – Beverly Kirby-McDonough.
- *“Barn Voyage”*, self-driving barn tour - Larry

Presentation by Jim Walter

Jim Walter, Director of the Durham Historical Society, brought some historic books that he considered donating to the Commission. These included:

Reports of the Department of Conservation and Development, State of NJ - Bulletin 18
Archaeology of Warren and Hunterdon Counties, by M. Schrabish – 1917

Reports of the Department of Conservation and Development, State of NJ - Bulletin 21
A List of Benchmarks in New Jersey, by L. Plummer, Jr. - 1921

In addition, Jim showed the Harvey Cooley Bible, and asked about donating it to descendants. (Harvey Cooley lived on Church Road, and had a daughter, Mary Cooley.)

Jim described his current research interest in the iron company ferry, between the iron furnace in PA and the railroad at the box factory in NJ. He asked for help in locating a large iron ring that would have been attached to the rocks in New Jersey, and used as part of a mechanism to bring the ferry back and forth across the Delaware River.

Indian Artifact Presentation by Erich and Tim Zeh

After the adjournment of this meeting, Erich and Tim Zeh presented an interesting collection of Indian artifacts that were recently discovered within Holland Township.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1st, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32PM