

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

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

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:08 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 by the Township Clerk on December 8, 2016.

Minutes of the June 2017 meeting were approved.

Bunn Valley District Update

Larry LaFevre said that Dennis Bertland submitted the application to the State on or about September 25, 2017.

Oral Histories

Kathy Sciarello indicated that she is finalizing the oral history transcription of Mr. Sy Compton, and plans to share a copy with his family when complete. Larry mentioned that he stopped by to see Richard Miller on October 12th, but was unable to meet with him. Beverly Kirby-McDonough said that there is interest in interviewing Mr. Herbert Sloyer. She will reach out to Ms. Charlie White of Milford for additional information.

Fine / Cyphers Solar Field

Carl Molter stated that the solar site applicant has not provided any additional information to-date in response to a letter with a list of conditions for the project. However, they did request an extension.

Larry said that he learned of a model paper machine that was formerly used for research at the Warren Glen paper mill. Joe Becker said that this equipment was likely the "X machine" which produced experimental paper. Larry expressed that the machine should be saved, if donated by IPP. A potential storage site could be the new industrial museum in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

Files

Larry mentioned that the Holland Township Historic Preservation files will be redone by Maria Elena Kozak. Surveys will be changed from letter to legal size, and will be filed by lot and block number. A new filing cabinet will be added.

Correspondence

Larry showed a letter, dated May 17, 2017, from the State of New Jersey - Department of Environmental Protection. The letter provided consultation comments regarding the Hughesville Dam Removal Project.

Budget Update

Larry reported that there is approximately \$6,400 in the budget. Additional maps are needed, as three have been sold since June. The Adamic barn is now documented as Barn Survey #91. Dendrochronology is scheduled for November 10th and 11th on two local barns.

2018 Meetings

Larry said that the 2018 meetings will be held the same nights as in 2017. That is; the first Monday of each month. However, the January 2018 meeting will be held on Friday, January 5th.

Other Business

- Publication Update – Kathy announced the completion of her new book, “*Early Life and Traditions of Holland 1903 – 1907*”. Kathy said she plans to order 60 books for a maximum amount of \$600.
- Hoffman Farms – Larry stated that there was a meeting with the new owner of the Hoffman Farms, Mr. George Vetter. The owner is interested in saving the buildings on the property. Also, the owner is seeking an agreement with a local hunting club to maintain the brush surrounding the lime kilns. Larry said that he and Carla Cielo met with him and provided documentation on the buildings and barns.

Show & Tell

- 1959 Yearbook of Frenchtown High School – Beverly Kirby-McDonough.
- Larry shared an article with maps; “*Abandoned Iron Mines of Hunterdon County, New Jersey*” by M. R. Pustay.
- Larry showed some artifacts he received from Mr. Robert Castagna that included a 1953 Financial Statement of Holland Township and 50th Anniversary of Spring Mills Grange.

Next Meeting: Monday, December 4th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM