

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 4, 2017
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, 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.

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

The Commission observed a moment of silence in remembrance of the late Dr. Peter H. Craig.

Early Life and Traditions Update

Kathy Sciarello reported that “*Early Life and Traditions of Holland 1903 – 1907*” is available for purchase in the Township Clerk’s Office. The usual complimentary distribution (to local schools, libraries, etc.) is in progress. The initial printing of the books cost \$488.

Oral Histories

Larry LaFevre said that he found the original list of individuals for oral histories. The list needs to be reviewed and updated again. Beverly Kirby-McDonough suggested reviewing the list with the Milford Borough Historical Society, as they conducted some interviews in the past. Shirley Wydner indicated that her parents, Lawrence and Doris (Bunn) Wydner, may be interested in sharing their stories of local history.

2018 Budget

Larry distributed copies of the 2018 Historic Preservation Commission budget. The total budget is the same as 2017. Joe Becker proposed the addition of a small amount of funding to support a PowerPoint presentation or lecture on the newly renovated stage at Riegel Ridge. Larry stated that residual funding in 2017 can support the documentation one home and printing of additional maps.

Larry said that he spoke with Jeff Marshall regarding a self-guided barn tour. Larry completed a list of barns in geographical order and plans to model a Holland Twp. barn tour after Jeff’s. A self-guided barn tour was listed as a way to benefit the public as a part of receiving at least two grants from the New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) for dendrochronology research.

Next Year

Larry asked for recommendations for a “Class A” member for the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission. The nominee does not need to be a Township or County resident.

Other Business

- Holland Township Library Program - Larry and Kathy spoke of an upcoming program to be hosted by the Holland Township Free Public Library on February 3rd. It is a Public Scholars Project called “*Stuff About Stuff*”. The new director of the library hopes to

publicize the program. A press release and flier will be needed to help promote it on the Holland Township website and bulletin board, also on Facebook.

- Signage for Historic Clark Site – Dan Bush said that he would ask the local power plant about funding a sign to give information on the Clark site. Dan mentioned that an engineering-grade, metal sign could be obtained from the County. However, a higher quality sign would be expensive. Larry agreed to draft a narrative for the sign.
- Four-Square Schoolhouse – Dan said he asked the power plant about moving the four-square schoolhouse to the power plant property near the ball field. Dan mentioned that he has not received a response.
- Emerald Ash Borer – Larry said he attended a County presentation on this subject. Dan said that Holland Township took action by working with the County Health Department in an effort to protect ash trees at Riegel Ridge and along trails. A natural substance can be injected into healthy ash trees to protect them against infestation.
- Improvements at Riegel Ridge – Dan spoke about improvements at Riegel Ridge. An additional valance will be added in front of the stage. A company is coming in to give recommendations about a large screen, a digital projector and sound. The first grant installment was received for exterior windows, and will go out to bid. Secondary bids will be requested for interior solar storm windows. Future plans include a new patio door and sanding the floor in the lounge.

Show & Tell

- “*Express Times*” newspaper article regarding Penn East opponents suing FERC – Larry
- 1951 Yearbook, “*La Souvenir*” of Frenchtown High School – Kathy
- 1912 class picture of Spring Mills School – Kathy
- Digital pictures of Riegel Ridge renovated stage and curtain - Joe

Next Meeting: Friday, January 5th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM

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