Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, July 1, 2019 Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: Joe Becker, Kathy Sciarello, Carl Molter, Larry LaFevre

Excused: Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Shirley Wydner, Lori Bonham, Dan Bush

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 13, 2018.

The May minutes were approved as corrected.

Dendro Update:

Larry and Carla assisted Michael Worthington, our dendrochronologist, take core samples of the Shire barn on 6/18/19 and of the Blair barn on 6/19/19 for dating with dendrochronology. The reports will be shared when they are completed.

Fine/Cyphers House:

This house will be on the 2019 Pohatcong House Tour, which means we will need volunteers for a cleanup day and for the day of the tour. Larry also mentioned that John Fine is buried in the Finesville cemetery.

Oral Histories:

Lori and Larry recorded Sandy and Woody Hummer for an oral history on 5/21/19. They told wonderful stories including some about the Hoffmans and all the snakes while living in the stone house.

Larry has tried to schedule an oral history with Doris Wydner at least 3 times. Hopefully, we can do it soon.

Highlands Grant:

Dan had indicated that we should get grants for both moving the 4-square schoolhouse and digitizing Frank's slides. However, Maria Elena checked and the grants are only for planning and feasibility studies not actual work. A feasibility study to move Marc Phillips historic barn along the river might qualify for a grant.

Frank Stull's History of RR slide show:

As far as the Milford Borough Historical Society goes, this show is off the table for now. Our follow-up discussion included the possibility of doing a show at Riegel Ridge and/or converting just these slides to digital to see how that goes.

Other Business:

Joe highlighted how nice the Thursday evening concerts at Deer Path Park were and read the current schedule. According to Dennis Bertland, the latest changes requested by the state for the Bunn Valley nomination should be in their office by the end of June.

Per the HCHS, Carl and Joe are scheduled to be at their booth at the HC Fair on Wed, 8/21, 2-6 PM. Larry circulated PNJ's 10 most endangered sites for 2019.

Show and Tell:

Larry showed a Haycock Historical Society newsletter that included a few wonderful photos of farms and towns that are now under Lake Nockamixon.

Next Meeting(s): Aug 5th, Oct 7th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.