

# Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 2, 2019  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## Minutes

### **Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM**

Present: Joseph Becker, Lori Bonham, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello  
Excused: Dan Bush, Carl Molter, Shirley Wydner

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

Minutes of the October 2019 meeting were approved.

### **2020 Reorganization and Meeting Dates**

Larry LaFevre distributed a list of 2020 Historic Preservation Meeting dates. The reorganization meeting will be held on Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup>. Two seats on the Commission (L. LaFevre, J. Becker) are due for renewal in 2020.

### **2020 Budget**

Larry reviewed the 2020 Historic Preservation proposed budget. The budget is the same as 2019, except for the addition of Item #5: Feasibility study for moving the Britton-Rapp-Phillips barn (\$500 supplement to grant).

### **Frank Stull History of Riegel Ridge Slide Show - Update**

Joe Becker said he inquired with two vendors; D. C. Helms of Philipsburg and W. Graphics of Easton. Both vendors are primarily focused on website development. Joe was advised to manually photograph or scan the slides on his own, converting them to digital format. Larry recommended B&H Photo of Flemington.

### **Other Business**

Riegel Ridge Storage and Work Room – Joe mentioned that there are few changes. However, some additional organization is required, especially with “The Spot Lite” newsletters.

Haglin/Sponsler Update – Kathy Sciarello stated that she delivered the barn survey and other documentation on file to the current owner of 161 Hawks Schoolhouse Road. Owner expressed an interest in completing a deed search, but one was already completed. Larry said he would make a few additional updates to the barn survey including historic map references.

Debbie Good Oral History Tapes – Lori Bonham said that the oral history tapes could not be found. However, she received some documentation from Debbie Good. Documentation is currently being reviewed by Kathy and Joe.

Other Oral Histories – Larry mentioned that the next oral history interview likely to be scheduled is with Mr. and Mrs. Wydner.

Files at Municipal Building – No update.

Fine/Cyphers Farm – No progress since October meeting.

Update Website – Kathy said she provided some updates to Larry via email. The 2020 meeting schedule needs to be added to the website. Larry suggested that someone on the Commission should be dedicated to manage the website changes.

Reschedule Amsterdam Tour – Larry said that the tour needs to be rescheduled next year with Marcia Karrow if the Commission decides to move forward.

Riegel Ridge Grandstand Grant – Larry presented a letter dated October 15, 2019 from the Hunterdon County Department of Planning and Land Use regarding the historic preservation grant program – Riegel Ridge grandstands. Letter was a rejection of the application based on insufficient documentation. More information is required. Larry plans to follow up on the matter with Dan Bush.

Holland Township Books – Kathy stated that books purchased at a discount of \$11 are being resold online for \$25 to \$30 dollars each. Discounted books are available through Lulu and a database exclusive to bookstores. Kathy suggested that books should no longer be discounted, and available solely from the Township. However, the Township is not permitted to earn a profit. Kathy will bring more data and examples of this issue for discussion at the next meeting.

### **Show and Tell**

- Two Photographs; Artwork by Ted Wahl, a local artist. Discussion to help identify location depicted in the images. – Larry
- Newspaper Article; Easton Irregular “*Walking Tour of Easton*” – Larry
- Book; “*Founders of New Jersey; First Settlements, Colonists and Biographies by Descendants*”, Evelyn Hunt Ogden (2017) - Larry

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 10th at 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM**