

# Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, December 5, 2022  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## Minutes

### **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

Present: Joseph Becker, JoAnn Bonham Schaible, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Lori Bonham, Dan Bush, Carl Molter

*Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 9, 2021.*

### **Minutes of the October 2022 meeting were approved.**

#### **Riegel Ridge Inventory, Storage and More**

Larry LaFevre shared The Library Store purchase order with JoAnn Bonham Schaible. The storage boxes that were ordered cannot be located. The status of purchase order needs to be verified. This will require a follow-up with the Township Finance Office.

Larry circulated the proposed narrative for the plaque commemorating renovation of the gymnasium. Kathy Sciarello agreed to email the narrative to Mayor Dan Bush for his review and approval.

There was discussion about locking the showcases at Riegel Ridge. Kathy suggested contacting a locksmith to make new keys or replace the existing locks. JoAnn recommended looking for the manufacturer name and model number on the locks to possibly order new keys. Kathy agreed to look at the locks again.

#### **Grandstand Rehabilitation**

Larry said he met with Michael Margulies to discuss the grandstand. Mr. Margulies did an original, pre-COVID estimate. The project could be completed in two phases: Stage 1 – Stabilization (abt. \$100K) and Stage 2 – Rehabilitation (abt. \$225K). The funding could come from three grants. That is; County, New Jersey Historic Trust and a private foundation with a mission to restore old baseball fields. Grant applications should be submitted early in the new year to meet deadlines.

#### **Bunn Valley Historic District**

Larry said he spoke with Dennis Bertland regarding feedback on the Bunn Valley nomination. The State raised questions such as the size of the proposed district and its designation as agricultural. The State took issue with the described settlement patterns. The nomination can be modified, but it is not clear what is expected by the State. Mr. Bertland proposed the development of a new Certificate of Eligibility (COE). Larry agreed.

#### **2023 HPC Budget**

Larry distributed copies of the proposed 2023 HPC Budget. The total budget will remain the same as last year. Larry removed \$1K from tree-ring dating, and added \$1K to the Bunn Valley historic district nomination. The budget will be submitted to the Township CFO.

#### **2023 HPC Meeting Dates**

With the exception of the January re-organization meeting on Friday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, HPC meeting dates will remain the same as 2022. (1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each month at 7:00PM)

## **2023 HPC Members**

The only change will be renewal of the 2-year term of Lori Bonham.

## **Hunterdon County 250th**

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Hunterdon County Library on Route 12.

## **Hunterdon County 300th**

No update.

## **Other Business**

A recent presentation by Carla Cielo about dendrochronology and the dating of barns received many positive reviews. The presentation was sponsored by the Durham (PA) Historical Society on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Show and Tell**

- Flyer: Hopewell Valley Historical Society. Upcoming presentation, “Belvidere-Delaware Railroad”, Sunday, January 22, 2023 - Larry
- Article: Goodspeed Histories. “Pittstown Inn–Part 3”. Tavern licenses and petitions. John E. Forman is mentioned many times – Larry
- Picture: Masonic pin of Harry J. Able, found in Delaware River by K. Lownes, Garden State Underwater Recovery Unit – Beverly
- Kingwood Township Historical Society. Revolutionary & Post-Revolutionary Kingwood, NJ, Tax Rateables, as a substitute for census records - JoAnn

**Next Meeting: Friday, January 6th, 7:00PM (Reorganization Meeting)**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM**