

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, April 3, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

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

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.

Minutes of the March 2023 meeting were approved.

New Member

New member, Tim Fazekas, was introduced and sworn in by Mayor Dan Bush. Oath of Allegiance Form was signed. Tim will complete the term of former Class A member, Carl Molter, who tendered his resignation on April 2nd.

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Larry LaFevre asked for clarification of the term “Class C” member. He proposed a change to the ordinance (specifically, Section B (1) (d)) to read “Alternate members shall meet the qualifications of Class A, B or C members”. Dan agreed to follow up with the Township attorney.

Riegel Ridge - Louis XIV Table and More

Gymnasium Plaque – Kathy Sciarello said she received an email message from Jessica Neglia stating that the plaque was received and moved to Riegel Ridge. However, it has not been seen. Kathy expects to receive a message from the Public Works Supervisor regarding installation. Dan said that the wording on the plaque needs to be verified. Jessica will complete the voucher. Expense will be charged to 2022 funding.

Louis XIV Table – Kathy stated that the table should be cleaned. Dan agreed and said that a quote is required. Larry LaFevre provided a contact for a quote. That is, Ethan Perry of Ferndale (610) 847-3002. Kathy agreed to follow up with a quote. The expense should be charged to the buildings and grounds budget. Dan provided the name of a vendor for ordering a glass top - Glass Castle in Neshanic Station.

Kathy said she learned that the table was stored at Glen Magnetics, Inc. in Alpha while the YMCA owned Riegel Ridge. Dan agreed to ask if any other parts of the table may have been left behind.

Photographs of Former Riegel Ridge Directors – Kathy showed pictures of former directors that could be edited, framed and displayed at Riegel Ridge. The directors include Frank E. Smith, William F. Case, Saylor “Bill” Miller and Donald E. Hawkins. Kathy asked if all the pictures should be the same size. But there is a concern about resizing and how it could negatively impact resolution. A better image of Frank E. Smith will be sought, as the existing one comes from a newspaper clipping. Kathy asked if two later directors should also have their images displayed at the Ridge. Dan agreed.

Slide Projector – Dan asked if the Commission needs a slide projector. Two spare units are available. Larry said there is no immediate need. The Commission already has one, but it would be good to have a backup.

Display Cases – JoAnn Bonham Schaible presented three framed black and white photographs. One was a 1954 aerial image of the residential area near Riegel Ridge. JoAnn highlighted points of reference and labeled streets that didn’t exist back then. Of particular interest was an area between Riegel Ridge and

Holland School. Land from Upper Oak Lane through Fernwood Drive was sub-divided by the Riegel Paper Corporation and sold to employees to independently build homes. Dan mentioned a site originally known as “Shadow Oaks”. JoAnn added that the Shadow Oaks development was completed about 1978–1979 (Garden State Land Company of Clinton, NJ). It included homes on Rolling Green Drive, Hook Drive and Shank Road. Another image showed the Riegel Ridge recreational property including the community center, grandstand, baseball field, tennis courts, pool, etc. JoAnn also had a folder containing some black and white images of houses from 1954, and a map from 1946.

Storage Room – Kathy completed a searchable inventory of all items in the storage room by rack and shelf number. She also developed a log book to document who accessed an item, the date and where it came from. Any new material should be placed on the table with a note, so it can be added to the inventory. Also, Kathy asked Alphonse Mayer for blinds to be installed in the storage room.

Donated Drop-Leaf Table – Kathy suggested that the drop-leaf table should be displayed in the Riegel Ridge lounge. The Commission agreed. Dan will arrange to take care of the matter.

Barn Survey Presentation by Carla Cielo – April 16 at 2:00PM

Larry discussed the upcoming presentation. Invitations were mailed to 80 barn owners. The presentation will be open to the public and promoted through social media and websites of Holland Township, Holland History and Riegel Ridge. Larry said the projector works, but a 60” television is available on-site with better resolution. A portable wireless microphone and speaker can be borrowed from Riegel Ridge. In terms of recording, Tim offered to loan a tripod/mount for a cellular phone. It would be ideal to have two recordings in order to alternate perspectives. Corey Colaluce can help to configure the room.

Grants / Grandstand Rehabilitation +

Dan stated that two municipal grants went through the Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC). They are on the agenda for approval by the Board of County Commissioners on Tuesday night, April 4th. Larry said that when Melissa Tigar receives the approval, Michael Margulies will be notified. This Commission is not prepared to apply for the NJ Historic Trust - Capital Grant due April 19, 2023.

Other Business

- **Holland Township 150th Anniversary** – Dan discussed ideas for the 150th anniversary next year. A sub-committee needs to be formed. It will consist of Dan, Kathy, Beverly and possibly two Committee liaison members. At least six Township-focused events should be planned. Ideas suggested by Dan were Windmill Classic, Community pool party, enhanced Community Day. Other ideas were Amsterdam walking tour, old timer baseball game, car show and self-guided barn tour. Larry suggested creating a “Then and Now Display”. Dan spoke about the sale of T-shirts and an update of the Holland Township Bi-Centennial booklet.
- **History of Riegel Paper Company** – Dan suggested creating a display of items borrowed from the Riegelsville Public Library and other sources to be shown at the Riegel Ridge Community Center.

Public Comment - N/A

Show and Tell

- Map - Residential Lot Plan, dated 14 April 1954, Riegel Ridge Corporation – Larry and JoAnn
- New Township Logo – Designed by Holland Committeeman, Robert Thurgarland - Larry
- Vintage Sports Image – Riegel Ridge 1940 Bi-State Champions - Tim
- Historic Document – A 1760 application for a tavern license at Parsley’s Ferry. Signed by Geo. Taylor and others. - Larry
- 1836 Advertisement – The Belvidere Delaware Railroad Company - Larry

Next Meeting: Monday, May 1st, 7:00PM
Meeting Adjourned at 8:15 PM