

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, June 5, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

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

Excused: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush

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 May 2023 meeting were approved.

Samuel Wilson / Chad Ege Site

Larry LaFevre led a discussion about the Samuel Wilson / Chad Ege site (Block 25; Lot 29). The property was originally 283 acres. It was purchased by James Mettler in 1795. Larry sent two emails dated June 5th that included; 1) deed search, dwelling and barn survey documented by Carla Cielo, and 2) two aerial photos (1958 and 1965). In addition, Larry showed the site on the 1860 Farm Map and Hammond Map. He also circulated an article from the *Joiners' Quarterly* (Spring 1999), written by Carla. The subject of the article is the Marston-Mettler House, currently in storage with the New Jersey Barn Company.

Riegel Ridge - Louis XIV Table and More

Photographs of Riegel Ridge Directors – Kathy Sciarello showed pictures of Riegel Ridge Directors to be framed. Frames have not been ordered yet. It is resolved that all pictures will be printed as 8” x 10”. Kathy also shared multiple images of William F. Case at various ages. “Casey” was a Director at Riegel Ridge from 1967-1970, and Assistant Director from 1947-1967. The young image of Casey was chosen to be displayed at Riegel Ridge. (Note: Photograph of Mr. Art Cyphers is not authorized for any purpose other than display at Riegel Ridge.)

Louis XIV Table – Kathy said she received an estimate from Carriage House Restoration in Easton, PA. The quote (sight unseen) is \$2,800 for restoration, plus \$300 for pickup and delivery. Once a decision is made, the lead time is 30-45 days, and the turnaround time is three weeks. The vendor is willing to schedule the work on a tentative basis. However, funding will need to be sourced before an order can be placed. While the table is in possession of the vendor, it will be measured for a glass top. The estimate for the glass top with ¼” tempered glass is \$917, including delivery, and will take six weeks. Kathy also spoke about a brass plaque for the table which can be ordered at any time. Kathy said she is expecting a response from Dan Bush about placement of the (Milo) drop-leaf table at Riegel Ridge.

Blinds – New blinds need to be ordered if spares cannot be found.

Historic Sign for Clark / Robbins Site

Larry led a discussion about signage at the Clark / Robbins site and O’sakame Preserve. The Environmental Commission expressed an interest to collaborate on the signage. However, signs with a brief historical narrative and park information (including trail maps) need to be separate. Larry showed an article he wrote about the sign and mentioned various options.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

Vintage Baseball Jerseys – Tim Fazekas said that he is collaborating with Dan regarding the production of baseball jerseys. Dan is seeking to obtain seed funding for the project. Tim showed a sample of a quality wool flannel jersey from a company called “Ebbets Field Flannels”. (Minimum order is 12 units.) Each jersey would cost \$125, and could be sold for \$175. Tim suggested ordering two dozen jerseys, mostly in large and extra-large sizes, to be sold at Community Day in September. He suggested that “38” should be printed on each to commemorate the building of the grandstand and the first pitch. Tim also showed sample swatches, in light and dark red/maroon, for color selection. The consensus of this Commission was the lighter shade. Two sample baseball caps produced by the same company were also shown. Caps would cost \$62.50 each.

Beverly Kirby-McDonough covered ideas that were suggested at the Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting of June 1, 2023. They included an antique tractor show, horse plowing contest, square dance, period reenactors in costume (Riegel Ridge stage can be used), horse/pony rides or equine education (contact Phoenix Rising Farm – Jessica Britton) and Exoticars USA road rally. Kathy mentioned that the Lions Club may want to get involved in fundraising for the grandstand.

Other Business

- **Holland Happenings** – Kathy asked if a Fall 2023 issue of Holland Happenings will be published. She suggested two topics for an article; early history of Riegel Ridge, or information about the upcoming Holland Township 150th celebration.
- **Vintage Movie Reels** – Larry talked about old movie reels in various sizes that show activities such as bowling, softball and baseball. He wants to obtain a quote to digitize them. The cost of conversion will be calculated on a “per foot” basis.
- **Holland Township 1776 – 1976 Booklet** – Larry distributed spare copies. Kathy plans to show them at the next Holland Township 150th Anniversary planning meeting.
- **Warren Glen Mill** – Tim spoke of the future demolition of the Warren Glen Mill and the dam behind the mill. He expects to take some still pictures inside the mill either June 17th or June 24th, based on availability. Videos will be taken at a later date.

Public Comment - N/A

Show and Tell

- More Spot-Lite Newsletters – Kathy provided them for storage at Riegel Ridge
- Book – “As Ye Sow” by Louis V. Kovi, 1981 – Tim
- B&W Photograph – Gravel Hill powerhouse for tramway about 1901 - Kathy
- Patriotic Ribbon – Holland Twp Bi-Centennial red, white and blue, dated July 3, 1976

Next Meeting: Monday, August 7th, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:16 PM