

# Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, November 6, 2023  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## Minutes

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

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Tim Fazekas, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Stacey Rister, JoAnn Bonham Schaible  
Excused: 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 October 2023 meeting were approved.**

### **Historic Sign for O'sakame Park**

Larry LaFevre stated that the cost of the sign is \$1,685. Form W-9 and voucher are done. Version #3 of the sign was received from the vendor and will be reviewed. Larry passed around the narrative and a picture of the sign as it would appear in the field. Dan Bush emphasized that the transaction should be completed this year in order to clear the 2023 budget.

Joe Becker shared an interesting anecdote about how large, oblong watermelons were once sold at the Robbins farm. A plug was cut into each melon so customers could sample the sweetness of the fruit before purchasing.

### **Riegel Ridge Community Center**

Larry said a final quote of \$1,152 was received from Glass Castle for the Louis XIV glass tabletop.

Tim Fazekas asked when restoration of the grandstand would start. Dan responded that the first round of grant funding was received. There is no news on the second grant. Dan said he plans to reach out to Michael Margulies regarding the project.

Dan announced that a quote was approved for the priming and painting of the gymnasium ceiling, beams and ductwork. The quote includes replacement of some wood.

Larry gave a tour of Riegel Ridge to new Commission member, Stacey Rister. They discovered a drawing made by Stacey's mother when she was about 16 years of age.

### **Barker Tract**

Larry shared information about the Barker Tract that he received from Kathy Sciarello. Also, he showed two maps by D. Stanton Hammond, the "Hunterdon County Index Map - 1688-1765", and Sheet C, which shows the Barker Tract lots.

### **Holland Township 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*Vintage Baseball Game and Fireworks* – Dan reported that there will be three games on May 18, 2024. They will be played by the Neshanock Baseball Club of Flemington, the Talbot Fair Plays and the Atlantic Baseball Club. A bonus DVAA game will follow. "Strike Out for Hunger" of Milford is invited to set up a booth for a food drive. DVAA will manage the snack shack. Food trucks may also participate. The day will end with a fireworks display.

*Baseball Jerseys* – Dan mentioned that a sponsor is still being sought to fund the baseball jerseys.

*Booklet* - Dan said that he has been working with Kathy on a booklet that will include a mission/description of each commission and pictures of members. (Pictures are voluntary.) Items are due to Melissa Tigar no later than December 31, 2023.

*Holland History Tour* – Dan plans to speak with the Township Committee about the purchase of two or three 40-inch TV's to be funded by the current year budget. They will be used to display photographs of Holland Township throughout next year. The TV's will be free-standing on top of cabinets, and will be turned off at the end of each day. Tim mentioned that he may have a source of commercial grade Samsung TV's.

### **Other Business**

- **2024 Board Members, Meeting Dates, Budget** – Information is due to Melissa Tigar, Municipal Clerk. Larry said that the 2024 meeting dates have been distributed. The HPC Reorganization Meeting is scheduled for Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>. The member list and budget will be submitted in December. Members whose terms expire will be renewed, and budget will remain flat over 2023.
- **Preservation New Jersey (PNJ) Membership** – Larry plans to renew the one-year membership. It increased from \$100 to \$250.
- **Grant – Carla Cielo** – Larry announced that Carla received a grant from an organization in England for dendrochronology. Need to decide which house(s) to study. One in mind, known as the Joe Goll house, is currently in storage the New Jersey Barn Company at Ringoes.
- **Gilbert Station** – Dan mentioned that Gilbert Station has been sold to another energy-producing company that will operate six days a week.

### **Show and Tell**

- Pin, 1939 Hunting License – Larry
- Booklet, Great Flood Disaster of 1955; Democratic Press, Flemington, NJ - Larry
- Vintage Videos of Riegel Ridge Baseball, Softball and Bowling. Converted from four reels of 16mm film by Black Lab Imaging – Larry

**Public Comment** - N/A

**Next Meeting: Monday, December 4th, 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM**