

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, March 4, 2024
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:53 PM

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

Guest: Laura Wilson

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2023.

February 2024 Minutes Were Approved.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

Regarding the 150th Anniversary Postcard Contest, Dan Bush stated that he spoke with Stephanie Snyder, Superintendent of Holland School. The school approved the project. Ms. Snyder plans to reach out to Joan Stachnik of the Holland Township Women's Club for support.

Larry LaFevre showed a sample of the Raritan Township 185th Anniversary Postcard Contest flyer, and the winning postcard. Kathy Sciarrello proposed using the sample as a template for a new, simplified flyer for Holland Township. She will speak to Melissa Tigar about making the necessary changes. Also, Kathy suggested using a heavier grade paper for the artwork. Laura Wilson spoke about cropping and scaling the submissions to postcard size.

The contest will be open to students in grades 3 through 5, as well as homeschoolers. One winner per grade will be selected. Parents will have the option of keeping student names private. Winning postcards (one for each grade 3 through 5) will be made available to the community. Beverly Kirby-McDonough will cover the initial contest specifications at the Executive Session of the Women's Club tomorrow, March 5th. She will also ask if a submission date of May 1st, 2024 is acceptable.

Dan mentioned that an ice cream social is being planned for all grades at Holland School. Kathy spoke about the 150th Anniversary Book. She stated that the publisher will most likely be Lulu Press, Inc. Kathy asked for a list of Holland Township parks. Dan agreed to provide a list of official park names to Kathy.

Dan reported that the painting of the gymnasium, including the ceiling and replacement of rotten wood, will start in April. The Pickleball Clinic is sold out. 3,000 T-shirts are received and the banner is finished.

Riegel Ridge Community Center

Tim Fazekas stated that he was able to reformat, load and play historical videos on the three TV monitors at Riegel Ridge. Tim said he plans to combine six videos into a 3-hour continuous loop. He asked how often the videos should be played at the Ridge. Dan responded that they should be played on weekdays while the full-time staff is there, and on Saturdays. Dan also suggested that one TV monitor should be moved to the counter downstairs. On his laptop computer, Tim showed a short trailer, "A Drive Through Time", that he produced in order to build interest within the community. Tim will provide the trailer to Dan for inclusion in the special Hunterdon County Board of Commissioners Meeting to be held on March 19th at the Holland Municipal Building.

Grandstand Renovation

Larry mentioned that the 2024 New Jersey Historic Trust Grant application period will begin soon. The Township is eligible for a capital grant. Dan reported that Hunterdon County plans to announce a new grant for recreational purposes. The amount will be up to \$125K with a 25% match. The project must be completed within a 12-month period. This grant could be used to help refurbish the grandstand and ballfield. Larry suggested reaching out to Mr. Ed Laubach to apprise him of plans for renovation of the grandstand.

Historic Sign for O'sakame Park

Dan stated that the O'sakame Park signs will be installed soon. The Environmental Commission was required to supply a Spanish version of the sign in order to receive a grant. The sign was translated. Larry and JoAnn Bonham Schiable recommended placement of the signs. JoAnn mentioned that some trees will need to be trimmed.

Other Business

- **"Holland Happenings" Newsletter** – Kathy said she prepared an article for the upcoming newsletter and will send it to Melissa Tigar.
- **Ice Harvesting** – Larry spoke about an ice harvesting article featured in Lancaster Farming magazine February 2024. Stacey Rister provided a taped interview of Forman Vanselous by her mother, Beth Pritchard. Mr. Vanselous worked at the ice ponds. Stacey said there were three such ponds in the vicinity.

Show & Tell

- **Vintage Riegel Baseball Uniforms** – Top and top with matching pants by "Easton Sporting Goods". Donated by P. Apgar. – Kathy. (Suggested displaying the uniforms in a glass case at Riegel Ridge where the quilt is now shown.)
- **"Covered Wooden Grandstands" Book** by B. Johnson (2012) - Kathy

Public Comment - N/A

Next Meeting: Monday, April 1st, 2024 at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM