

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Friday, January 5, 2024
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Excused: Larry LaFevre

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

2024 Reorganization

Oath of Allegiance Forms were signed by Joseph Becker and JoAnn Bonham Schaible. Mayor Dan Bush swore in both members, renewing their terms.

December 2023 Minutes Were Approved.

Historic Sign for O'sakame Park

The O'sakame Park sign was received at the Township garage. There is still a question about where to display the sign inside the park. Dan reported that the Environmental Commission completed and ordered a sign. Also, two additional benches were delivered to the Department of Public Works.

Riegel Ridge Community Center

Dan stated that quotes are in for painting the gymnasium. The selected vendor is CertaPro. Grants of \$31K were received, and the cost of painting will be \$35K. Work will include the ceiling, all ductwork and repair of rotten wood.

Dan mentioned that the installation of TV monitors at Riegel Ridge could be completed as early as Monday, January 8th. Tim Fazekas reported that one monitor is already on a stand at the Ridge. The next step will be to collect pictures, place them on thumb drives and load them onto the monitors. Dan said that thumb drives can be purchased from the Township Staples account when product specifications (such as quantity and size) are assessed. Tim suggested creating a slide show, and volunteered to arrange photographs from various sources. Tim also offered to set up a Google drive folder for collecting and sharing content. Tim will reach out to Larry LaFevre to ask about file formats. Kathy Sciarello volunteered to add titles to the photos or slides if someone can provide instructions. Joe suggested including the Frank Stull images.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

The Commission reviewed a recent article from the Flemington/Raritan newsletter; "Raritan Students Create Postcards to Honor Township History". Also, feedback from Pam LaFevre was shared. This may be a good idea for Holland Township. In his role as School Liaison, Dan agreed to introduce the idea to Stephanie Snyder - School Superintendent. Kathy recommended sharing with the community for the benefit of local homeschoolers. Kathy expressed an interest in leading this effort.

The 150th Anniversary Booklet will include all Township Boards and Commissions with a short mission statement of each. A group picture of this Commission is expected to be taken next month (February). Dan agreed to provide Kathy with the new Township logo from Melissa Tigar. The new logo will be displayed

on the cover of the booklet. Kathy questioned if the booklet should be printed in color or black & white. Dan suggested using a combination of print, if possible. Also, Dan said he will ask Melissa Tigar for information about a vendor, HometownPress, to print the booklets. This is the company that publishes the Holland Happenings newsletters. If selected, the vendor would be allowed to include advertising in the booklet.

Dan mentioned the popularity of the Pickleball Clinic scheduled for February. At least 45 people have expressed interest in signing up, before a limited registration of 20 participants has been announced.

Other Business

- **Hunterdon County 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution** - Marcia Karrow will host a meeting on January 6th at 2:00PM at the Hunterdon County Library. Our priority will be on the Holland Township 150th Anniversary before we can commit to planning for the County event.
- **Dendrochronology** – Three sites are selected for study this year including 1) Rummel smoke / spring house, 2) Etch smoke house and 3) Chad Ege dwelling near Mount Pleasant.
- **Holland Happenings** – An article will be needed for the upcoming issue of Holland Happenings. No due date has been set. Kathy suggested a preview of some historic topics in connection with the upcoming Holland Township 150th Anniversary.
- **Warren Glen Mill** – Demolition is slowly progressing.

Show and Tell - N/A

Public Comment - N/A

Next Meeting: Monday, February 5th, 2024 at 7:00PM

Please be reminded that a group photo will be taken at this meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 PM