

# Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2024  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## Minutes

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

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

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

### **April 2024 Minutes Were Approved.**

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

Dan Bush mentioned that Holland School asked for a copy of the 150<sup>th</sup> video to support discussions of the Township. School contact is Debbie Croasdale. Tim Fazekas said that the Holland Library reached out to him about adding the video to the library's YouTube channel. Tim will reach out to Debbie Kacerek to obtain the login and password needed to upload the video. Kathy Sciarelo mentioned that the TV monitors at Riegel Ridge should be made capable of accessing the library's YouTube channel. This will require WiFi connectivity.

Beverly Kirby-McDonough provided the status of the 150<sup>th</sup> Postcard Contest. Beverly and Kathy met to assemble packets for teachers which were delivered to the school. Copies of the flyers were posted on public bulletin boards of commercial establishments. The contest deadline is May 8<sup>th</sup>. Judging will commence the week of May 13<sup>th</sup>. Joan Stachnik of the Holland Woman's Club selected six judges – two for each of grades 3 through 5.

Dan said he and the School Board plans to attend the upcoming Ice Cream Social on May 30<sup>th</sup> at Holland School. The winners of the postcard contest will be announced. Beverly agreed to follow up with Joan Stachnik about a photograph of the winning students. Nine winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd place - grades 3 through 5) will be in a picture to be included in the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary book. Dan mentioned that first place winners will have their artwork published. A gift certificate to Jimmy's will be awarded as follows: 1st place \$20, 2nd place \$15 and 3rd place \$10. All winners will receive a Certificate of Recognition and a T-shirt.

Kathy showed two drafts of the anniversary book, "Celebrating 150 Years – Holland Township Sesquicentennial", with matte and glossy covers. She did an amazing job compiling the book. Kathy volunteered to review the Boards and Commission lists. (Larry LaFevre shared the lists.) Dan, Larry and Tim offered to proofread the book. Dan recommended adding information about Holland School including the current budget for reference and the Pre-K program for residents. Potential additions to the book were discussed including pictures of baseball game, pickleball tournament, Ice Cream Social, local government talk to 4<sup>th</sup> graders, renovations at Riegel Ridge and Tory Den. Dan expressed concern about copyright issues, especially for vintage photographs. He stated that an initial order of 100 books should be placed. The books should be available by Holland Community Day. This Commission agreed that the books should be sold for \$5 each.

Dan spoke about a possible essay contest for 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduating students. Winners could be one boy and one girl. The winners could be awarded commemorative coins.

## **Grandstand Renovation and Riegel Ridge Community Center**

Larry said he wants to ask Ed Laubach to write a letter in support of the grandstand grant. The letter should include a reference to the award received from Preservation New Jersey for renovations at Riegel Ridge. Kathy suggested letters from other individuals such as Jack Weiss and Bill Goldsworth.

## **Fine / Riegel / Drake Family Graveyard**

Beverly covered the tour of the graveyard held on April 11th on the private property of Mr. Michael Moleti. Participants included Joe Becker, Larry and David Reading of the Mount Amwell Project, Inc. Mr. Reading wrote a letter of thanks to Mr. Moleti and provided suggestions for preservation. Mr. Moleti wants to contact the State and build a fence around the burial site. Joe described the interior of the Chelsea Forge Tavern and some history of Finesville.

## **Ridge Riegel Renovation Highlights**

Larry showed an itemized list of major projects and renovations at Riegel Ridge since the Frank Stull slideshow was created. He asked this Commission to review the list for any additions or changes.

## **Hunterdon County 250<sup>th</sup>**

This Commission is currently focused on activities supporting the Holland Township 150<sup>th</sup> celebration. However, Larry suggested two events for the Hunterdon County 250<sup>th</sup>. That is, a square dance (“Burnt Mills Highballers”) and a play on the stage at Riegel Ridge.

## **Other Business**

- **“Walking the Osakame”** – Kathy mentioned that the Environmental Commission will host a park walk on Wednesday, June 19, 2024.
- **Osakame Survey** – Larry and JoAnn Bonham Schaible are planning to complete the vendor survey including feedback and photographs.

## **Show & Tell**

- **Vintage Newspaper** – The Hunterdon County Democrat, dated August 25, 1955, was acquired at a local yard sale. This original issue features the flood of 1955. – Stacey Rister
- **Two Books** – “Guide to Flemington New Jersey”, and “Serving Hunterdon One Hundred Years 1854 – 1954” - Kathy

**Public Comment - N/A**

**Next Meeting: Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM**