

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, February 4th, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Carla Cielo, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarelo

Excused: Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

Guest: Michael J. Margulies

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Township Clerk.

Minutes of the January 2013 meeting were approved.

Riegel Ridge Terrace Update

Michael Margulies presented specifications for the restoration of the terrace at Riegel Ridge Community Center. He displayed drawings and mortar samples. Michael stated that the terrace was originally built in 1938. The restoration calls for tagging and removal of all the stone, replacing the concrete base, resetting or replacing the stone, rebuilding the walls and adding drainage. Also, special handicap access will be added. Michael mentioned that the restoration should be performed by professional masons, not general contractors. The anticipated duration of work will be approximately four months.

Dan Bush expressed concern about Summer Camp during the months of June, July and August. The restoration area must be blocked or fenced off from approximately 150 children. Michael indicated that such issues, including any special requirements, should be documented and addressed at the pre-bid meeting. Michael stated that project authorization is complete.

Dan mentioned that the next project at Riegel Ridge may be the stage. Additional funding will be required through grant applications and fundraising events.

Early Settlers Project Update

Larry LaFevre stated that a co-owner of the Milford Oyster House (whose husband is a former local newspaper photographer) offered to manage the press release and photograph. She will make arrangements to have it published in the Hunterdon County Democrat newspaper. Larry will email the material to her.

Larry suggested a book-signing event. Larry will ask Bob Peabody if he is interested. Carla Cielo recommended a lecture and book-signing, if Bob is willing. Possible venues for a book-signing event were proposed, including a bookstore, library or Riegel Ridge Community Center. Also, the book could be promoted at Community Day or during the upcoming semi-formal fundraiser planned on the Riegel Ridge patio.

Dan said he spoke to the local library in advance. The library agreed that *The Early Settlers* book will be on display for the public at all times. Dan stated he will arrange a meeting with the library to deliver the *The Early Settlers* book, as well as the Charles Andrews book.

Kathy Sciarelo led a discussion about the distribution of the remaining *The Early Settlers* book and cover letter. The distribution is planned as follows:

- Rutgers – Kathy will mail it.
- Hunterdon County Historical Society – Kathy
- Hunterdon County Cultural and Heritage Commission – Larry (during next Ag meeting)
- Hunterdon County Library – Beverly
- Holland Township School - Dan
- Holland Township Library – Dan
- Milford Borough Library - Beverly

HPC Website

Larry stated that he will be meeting with Melissa on February 5th. He mentioned that he and Kathy have photographs for the website header, as well as all the buttons. Content for each button is now updated. Photos will also be added to the agricultural website.

Dan said that there will be funding in the 2013 budget to support local historical pictures, framing and mounting in the Holland Township Municipal Building.

Dendro Update

Larry stated that the grant is currently pending, and that everything needed from the Township is complete. Dan mentioned that the budget will be reviewed this Friday.

Historic e-Map(s) Update

Carl Molter described an issue related to linking photographs to the e-Map. Images can only be linked if they are already on the Internet. Images on a computer hard-drive cannot be linked. Carl said he plans to contact Marilyn Cummings to discuss the issue in more detail.

Carl and Kathy need additional information about the Parsley's Ferry District, pertaining to historic ferries and hotels. Larry agreed to provide a copy of the historic district documentation with information that can be included on the e-Map.

Show & Tell

Holland Township Barn Map - Carla presented a barn map that she created that will eventually map to the Holland Township Barn Survey. All barns are color coded, and various symbols are applied. A legend is included. The barns are identified by type and age (18th and 19th century). They are also labeled as English/Dutch frame or German frame. The map can be printed out in 18 X 24 inch format. Eventually, a slide show will be created to show the evolution and chronology of local barns..

Proposed Photo-Labeling Party – Carla stated that various photo libraries will be created in the future for barns, outbuildings and houses. Initially, 3 – 4 volunteers are being sought for the labeling of 900 digital and 35mm barn photographs. (There are 88 barns in the Township.) Each photo will be labeled with the barn number, and placed in an envelope. The address, lot and block number will be written on the envelope. The collection will eventually be stored on an external hard drive.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 4th, at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 PM