

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, May 6th, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00PM

Present: Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello, Shirley Wydner

Excused: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Peter Craig

Guests: Grace Dela Cruz-Hoffa, Parents of Grace Dela Cruz-Hoffa

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

Minutes of the April 2013 meeting were approved.

Historic Home – 330 Javes Road

Grace Dela Cruz-Hoffa attended the meeting, seeking historical information on a home on three acres that she and her husband purchased in November 2012. The home is located at 330 Javes Road, near the intersection of Javes and Miller Park Road. Grace brought a copy of the deed search and some old photographs. Larry LaFevre indicated that the home was once known as the “Bunn tenement”. The site was part of the 1806 Jacob Bunn property. However, the home itself does not appear on the 1860 Farm Map. Larry agreed to search for any documentation in the files, and to follow up with Grace. With the owner’s permission, the house can be documented.

Early Settlers Project and Book Signing

Larry asked for a volunteer to take books to the book signing event in Frenchtown, and to bring them back to the Municipal Building on Saturday, May 11th. Currently, there are 32 copies available at the Municipal Building, and Kathy Sciarello has an additional 12 copies. Carl Molter agreed to check his availability for that day.

Dendro Project and Grant

Although the State grant is approved for this project, Larry said that the SAGE online grant process is difficult. The user must log on and go through a confirmation process. Then, a voucher can be printed out, signed and mailed. However, the State Historic Commission must be named as a co-insured party on the Township liability insurance. The final step of fulfilling the insurance requirement is causing a delay in acquiring the funds.

Historic e-Map(s) Update

Carl stated that once photographs are available (from Melissa), he will create the linkages. Otherwise, there are no further updates on this subject.

Hunterdon County 300th Anniversary

Larry said that Councilman Dan Bush would like a member of the Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission to act as a representative on the Hunterdon County 300th Anniversary Board/Committee. More information would be needed in terms of what is required, and frequency and places of meetings to be held. Larry mentioned that Dan also said that each town is expected to host a special event. Larry gave examples such as the upcoming *Early Settlers* book signing, and the joint map event with Milford and Alexandria.

Other Business

Correspondence received April 18, 2013 from Cardno ATC

AT&T Mobility is proposing an upgrade to the existing communications facility at 60 Church Road. Larry indicated that he did not anticipate any impact to historic properties or sites of cultural or religious significance to Native American people. Larry said he would reply to the correspondence.

Riegel Ridge Terrace

Larry stated that work is moving along. Restoration of the stage will be the next project, and a grant will be sought with the help of Michael Margulies.

Photo Labeling Party

No update.

Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour

Larry reported that the power station is sold to a company known as "NGR". The current management team will be retained, and plant will continue to generate electricity. A tour will be scheduled soon.

HTHPC Budget

Larry said the HTHPC Budget is approved for \$7,000. The original budget request was \$7,500.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 3, at 7:00PM.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:45PM