

# **Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting**

Monday, June 3, 2013  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## **Minutes**

### **Meeting called to order at 7:01PM**

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

Excused: Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

Guest: James Rosinski

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

Minutes of the May 2013 meeting were approved.

### **Hunterdon County's 300th**

Joe Becker volunteered to represent Holland Township on the Hunterdon County 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Board/Committee. Dan Bush and Tony Roselle will act as liaisons. Meetings will be held on the second Wednesday and fourth Saturday of each month. Larry LaFevre said he would notify Marcia Karrow of the names of the participants.

Dan suggested that Bob Peabody deliver a presentation on the History of Holland Township at Riegel Ridge. Larry agreed to follow up with Bob, and provide Marcia Karrow with a date. Dan also stated that Georgia Pacific will be asked to host a family picnic. These will count as two events for Holland Township. In addition, Dan said the Township has been asked to sponsor a float for the parade along Main Street in Flemington. Joe suggested using a restored tractor in keeping with an agricultural theme.

Dan said that the Township purchased a limited edition, framed picture of the historic Flemington Courthouse by artist Dan Campanelli. Only 300 watercolor pictures were produced as a fundraiser, and Holland Township purchased #15.

### **Historic e-Map(s) Update**

Carl Molter confirmed that the historic districts are overlaid onto the Holland Township map, and that they must be reviewed for accuracy. Carl also stated that he is continuing to upload and link pictures to the map. Marilyn Cummings of the Delaware Township Historical Society is very interested in learning more from Carl about this feature of e-Maps.

## **Other Business**

### **Bethany Ridge Update**

Dan announced that Holland Township is under contract to purchase Bethany Ridge from the Diocese of Metuchen, NJ. Property consists of an access road, a house and 156 acres. It will be maintained as Holland Township land; that is, park, open space and trails. The purchase price is \$1.2M. Dan estimated that about 60% of the funding can be recovered from the County, 20% from Land Trust and 20% from the Victoria Foundation.

### **Riegel Ridge Terrace**

Dan provided an update that three-quarters of the floor is up. The concrete was jackhammered, and a large portion of it was removed by hand and wheelbarrow. A drain will be constructed at the sub-base. There will be repairs to walls and the tunnel entrance to the Fitness Center. Also, copper gutters will be installed and roofing will be repaired at the side entrance. There are also plans for special handicap access and parking. Surveillance cameras are installed.

A semi-formal event will be planned for the Fall when the patio is completed. This will be a fundraiser for future Riegel Ridge projects, such as the rehabilitation of the stage.

### **Value of Heritage Tourism in NJ – Correspondence from NJHT**

The correspondence deals with the assessment of the economic value of heritage tourism in New Jersey. Larry suggested providing site-specific data on Riegel Ridge by completing the online survey. Dan agreed to reach out to Art Cyphers to complete the survey.

### **Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour**

Dan said that the Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour will take place. However, Gilbert Station has been bought by a company called “NRG” that will upgrade the facility.

### **Historical Artifacts**

James Rosinski (guest) introduced himself. He said that he is interested in researching local historic sites and metal detecting. He is especially interested in older and commercial sites. James discovered several old coins and bullets in the area of Milford.

### **Show and Tell**

Joe showed a picture of students at the old Millersville School. Names of the students are documented on the back of the photograph.

**Meeting Adjourned: 8:30PM**

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**