

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, August 5, 2013
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:02PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

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

Minutes of the June 2013 meeting were approved.

Hunterdon County's 300th Anniversary

Joe Becker provided an update on the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial Committee meetings. Many events and activities are being planned.

In terms of fundraising, \$10,000 was pledged for food by ShopRite of Greenwich Township. Merck will honor a pledge of \$25,000. A wine tasting and pig roast fundraiser is planned for September 8 at Unionville Vineyards in Ringoes. Two hundred tickets will be sold. Also, a gala is being planned with pre-sale of tickets before a public offering. Only one hundred tickets will be sold.

Joe also mentioned that local artist, Dan Campanelli, will issue a limited edition print entitled "Blue Skies". This print is an illustration of the old Hunterdon County Courthouse and Hall of Records. Additionally, a picture book called "Hunterdon In My Heart" will be produced. Larry LaFevre asked about plans for a blanket or quilt featuring local scenery. Joe confirmed that the artwork for the blanket is approved. More details can be found on the Hunterdon County Tri-Centennial website.

Larry stated that the Tri-Centennial Committee requested the date of Robert Peabody's presentation at Riegel Ridge. They are also requested a biography of Mr. Peabody.

Historic e-Map(s) Update

Carl Molter stated that he was successful in linking all the photographs currently on the Township website to Google Earth. Carl said that images cannot be stored directly on Google Earth. Linking them from the Township website gives Google Earth more portability. Additional photographs need to be uploaded. However, there is an issue in terms of availability of space on the Township website where all images may be hosted permanently.

Dendro Project

Larry stated that the dendrochronology project will start on August 12th through August 15th. The individual who will be doing the work will be travelling up from Maryland.

Community Day

This Commission agreed to support the upcoming Holland Township Community Day scheduled for September 7th. Beverly Kirby-McDonough agreed to contact Jessica Neglia – Director at Riegel Ridge for details.

Other Business

Riegel Ridge Terrace

Work on the Riegel Ridge Terrace is progressing. Joe mentioned that the mason working on the terrace is also working on a foundation at a building on Hoffman Farms. Larry reported that work has started on refurbishment of the stage, and that the playground is complete.

Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour

The Gilbert Station Meeting and Photo Tour will take place sometime in the Fall.

Diocese Property

Larry stated that the diocese property is currently under sales contract with the Township. A closing is expected during the month of September.

Hoffman Farms

Larry said that a meeting with the County will take place at the end of August. A plan and schedule for the auction will be discussed.

Show and Tell

Items included the following:

1. 1982 Bethany Ridge binder
2. Post card of Berkeley Hall on River Road at Riegelsville
3. Book; Old Mills of New Hope-Solebury by W. Rivinus
4. Book; A Sampling of Hunterdon County Needlework by D. and M. Campanelli
5. The Frelinghuysen Arboretum Carriage House by the Morris County Parks Commission

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM

Next Meeting: Monday, October 7th, 2013

(No meeting will be held in September 2013)