

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2017
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM

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

Guests: Stacey Rister, Jim Walter

Excused: Dan Bush, Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act by the Township Clerk on December 8, 2016.

Minutes of the April 2017 meeting were approved.

Bunn Valley District Update

Larry LaFevre stated that there are no new updates on this topic.

Publication Update

Kathy Sciarello announced that her fourth publication, “*Early Life and Traditions of Holland, N.J. – 1896 – 1902*” is now available for purchase at the Holland Township Clerk’s office. Donations of the book will be made to the Holland Public Library, Holland School, Hunterdon County Historical Society, Hunterdon County Library and Milford Public Library.

Larry circulated an old photograph of local interest, currently the site of the Dutch Mill Market, along Route 519. He suggested posting the photograph to social media.

Fine / Cyphers Solar Field

Larry stated that he met with Michael Margulies and visited the old stone barn. Mr. Margulies recommended working with the solar company to save the barn. Larry said that he and Dan Bush plan to meet with the president of the Planning Board to discuss the matter.

Carl Molter said that the new plan shows the lot being subdivided with all outbuildings saved, including the stone barn. Larry mentioned that the barn needs work, and saving the house and barn together will make the lot more valuable in the future.

Other Business

- Holland Happenings Newsletter – Larry mentioned that the newsletter is coming out. He said he made updates, and updated the web page. Local cemetery information will be included if there is enough space available in the newsletter.
- Riegel Ridge Stage and Project Update – No update.
- Oral Histories – Choose Dates for R. Miller – To be scheduled.
- PennEast Pipeline – Larry said that Ms. Kaitlin Pluskota of AECOM, who requested historic documentation for Section 106 review, has not gotten back to him. Also, the DEP denied a PennEast permit application that was administratively incomplete.
- Sign / Plaque for Robbins-Clark House Site – No update.

Show & Tell

- Joe Becker announced an upcoming meeting of the Lehigh Valley Genealogy Society. The meeting will take place Monday, May 8th, at 7:00PM at Grace Lutheran Church on Roseberry Street. The featured speaker will be Barbara Bond.
- Larry showed *Preservation Magazine* – Spring 2017.
- Joe introduced Stacey Rister who inquired about a slave cemetery in Alexandria Township. Pictures taken of the slave cemetery are believed to be held at the Prevost House in Frenchtown by the now defunct Alexandria Township Historical Society. Larry agreed to reach out to Mary Anne Adams for more information.
- Jim Walter spoke about researching the railroad ferry of the Durham Iron Furnace near Pursley's Ferry. He is seeking additional information. Jim mentioned that the ferry could have been taken out by the flood of 1903 if it was still in operation at that time.

Next Meeting: Monday, June 5th, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:32PM