

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, March 5, 2018
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Kathy Sciarello, Scott Wilhelm, Shirley Wydner

Excused: Carl Molter

Guest: Lynn Bellis

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act, by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2017.

Minutes of the January 2018 meeting were approved.

Oral Histories

Larry LaFevre expressed interest in scheduling oral history interviews with the Wydners and the Hummers in the near future. The Hummers have historic documents related to Bunn Valley / Hoffman Farm. Larry asked for volunteers to assist.

Clark / Robbins Sign

Larry spoke about installing signage to mark the historic Clark / Robbins homestead. The local power plant demolished the house, wagon house and barn. However, these structures were fully documented in advance. Larry shared examples of available signs in a recent email. He plans to reach out to Mr. Charles Andrews about developing a narrative for the sign.

Frank Stull Plaque

Larry asked for ideas about a memorial plaque for Frank Stull. Mr. Stull was a school teacher in Holland Township and manager of the Riegel Ridge pool for many years. He helped establish Riegel Ridge Community Center on the National Register of Historic Places and served on the Board of Governors. It was agreed that a plaque displayed at Riegel Ridge would be appropriate. Joe Becker agreed to seek additional biographical information on Frank Stull.

Holland School Yearbooks

Larry was notified by John Harris that Holland School was disposing student yearbooks. A yearbook from each year was salvaged. Larry agreed to contact John Harris that this Commission would accept the yearbooks. How and where they will be stored will be decided at a later date.

Sciarello Application for Variance

Kathy Sciarello presented a list of building materials that must be approved by the Historic Preservation Commission. This is a condition of the variance to restore a porch on a historic dwelling. Kathy shared the material list from the contractor, A. J. Fisher Company, LLC of Easton dated March 5, 2018. Joe Becker made a motion to approve the list, which was seconded by Scott Wilhelm. All were in favor and approved. Larry will share the information with Maria Elena Kozak.

Files, Maps, Photos...

Larry showed an improved filing system for Historic Preservation Commission materials. All surveys were converted from survey number to block and lot number, and from letter to legal size. Also, there are now files for each of the historic districts within the township. Two sets of drawings (C. Cielo) and documentation were filed, as well as photographs. There is still much more material to be filed, and volunteers will be appreciated.

Other Business

- History of Holland Township Books – Kathy mentioned that she sent out a new book for first printing that covers 1908 – 1915. The next and last book will cover 1916 – 1923.
- Correspondence – Thank you note was received from Joyce Criss of the Holland School library for a book donation. Also, Kathy received a note from Hunterdon County Historical Society.
- Reminder - Upcoming Gettysburg Trip on April 21st will be sponsored by the Milford Borough Historical Society. Deadline for signing up is March 16th.

Show and Tell

- Marriage Certificates – Lynn Bellis shared the 1876 marriage certificates of Forman Bellis and Sarah Elizabeth Wieder. The old certificates were mounted on wooden boards.
- 4-Square Schoolhouse – Kathy shared a current photograph. The roof of the schoolhouse is now caved in.
- Kathy mentioned that she borrowed some material from the Holland Library including a photo album from Frank Stull and other miscellaneous pictures. Kathy scanned and printed the photographs, and made both hardcover and softcover books. She shared a sample of her book, “Photos and History of Holland Township As Seen and Told by Frank Stull 1995.”
- Kathy showed a large, antique shadow box of Victorian Hair Art. This consisted of framed wreath made of woven human hair.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 2nd, at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00PM