

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Friday, January 8, 2021
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Lori Bonham, Larry LaFevre, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, JoAnn Bonham Schaible, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Carl Molter

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 10, 2020.

NOTE: THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE.

Minutes of the November 2020 meeting were approved as submitted.

2021 Reorganization

New member, JoAnn Bonham Schaible, was introduced. Mayor Dan Bush swore in members (except Larry LaFevre and Joe Becker). Larry will distribute Oath of Allegiance forms to be signed and returned to the Municipal Building.

Bunn Valley Historic District

Larry spoke with Dennis Bertland to request an estimate for the completion of the district nomination. Dennis suggested that Larry contact Andrea Tingey, who replaced Bob Craig, of the New Jersey Historic Preservation Office. Larry will send an email asking for confirmation that there are no further changes.

Jack Weiss Riegel Ridge Photographs

Larry said that Jack Weiss is glad that there is interest in his collection of Riegel Ridge photographs. Before sharing the pictures, Mr. Weiss plans to categorize them and add comments and context. Larry will follow up.

Red Barn with Cupola on Old River Road

Larry expressed interest in revisiting and documenting additional details about the Deyzel barn, including the old interior timbers and parts of the frame. Larry said he was recently contacted by the new owner, Dr. James Eliades, who requested information about the house and barn. Larry mentioned that he plans to meet with the owner at a later date.

Other Business

Boy Scout Camp - Holland Township – Kathy Sciarello described a posting she published to the Holland Township History Group on social media. The detailed posting was very interesting. It included a black and white picture postcard of the camp and related information abstracted from historic newspapers.

Britton/Rapp/Phillips Barn - A new owner is being sought for this barn. Larry reported that he showed the barn to two individuals; a restoration carpenter and the owner of the Bonnell Tavern in Clinton. There are at least two more contacts who may be interested. Larry provided them with contact information of the owner.

Fine/Cyphers Farm - Larry reported that the farm is slowly moving toward closing. Two emails were received from Michael Margulies this year, stating that the title had cleared and describing an outstanding issue. There was an additional incident of illegal dumping at the site. Complaints were filed with the local zoning officer.

Volendam Windmill Project - Larry stated that he received an email from Barbara Volkov. She is writing a story about the Volendam windmill to be illustrated by Denise Egielski. Original music will be added by Larry Kursar, conductor of the Hunterdon Symphony. The project is scheduled for completion in time for an initial performance this Fall. Barbara is requesting biographical information on Poul Jorgensen, who built the windmill. Specific details are sought between World War II and Jorgensen's arrival in America. Larry asked for volunteers to help find this information.

Holland Happenings – Joe asked if everyone saw the Spring Mills 1932 newspaper article by E. T. Bush in the Fall 2020 edition (pages 8 – 11). Kathy said she learned that copies are still sitting in the post office undelivered. Additional copies of Holland Happenings are available at the Municipal Building.

Tory Den Tour – Larry and Joe plan to reach out to Herb Rohrer on Bellis Road to determine the exact location of Tory Den.

Show and Tell

Aerial Photo of Adjacent Farms / Racetrack - Larry said he received an inquiry from someone on Meadow Run Road, near the Stonehedge development off Ellis Road. The property in question, formerly owned by Herbert Stangle, included racetrack for horses. JoAnn said she spoke with the Wieder family. She learned that the property was once owned by the Pocza's, and subsequently the Greif's. Larry will respond to the inquiry by providing documentation and recommending Carla Cielo for further research.

Cummins/Foreman Farm - Larry spoke about documentation of the Cummins/Foreman farm. Larry, Carla and the owner documented the entire second floor. Larry returned in early December to document the lower floor. He shared digital photographs of unusual "barn graffiti". The hex-like carvings appeared underneath the forebay, along the boards of the entryway. More was found on the second floor. The restoration is not complete, but will eventually include the barn and tenant house.

Next Meeting: To Be Determined

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50 PM