

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM

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

Excused: Dan Bush, Carl Molter

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.

Minutes of the February 2023 meeting were approved, with corrections.

Riegel Ridge Louis XIV Table and More

JoAnn Bonham Schaible showed an early issue of the Spot-Lite newsletter, dated May 29, 1940, with a picture of the Louis XIV table. When fully extended, the table accommodated the seating of 48 people. Kathy Sciarello mentioned that the picture also reflects a view of a smaller drop leaf table that will be donated to Holland Township. (Kathy will formally accept this donation.)

Beverly Kirby-McDonough said that the Louis XIV table was most likely acquired by Riegel from the estate of Ogden L. Mills, U. S. Secretary of the Treasury. The estate sale was held in New York City in 1938, the same year as the opening of Riegel Ridge.

Kathy stated that she discussed the Louis XIV table with Mayor Dan Bush. A glass top and brass plaque should be ordered. The plaque should be mounted on the underside of the table. A framed story or description can be placed on top. Kathy said that Dan expressed an interest in displaying a photograph of each Riegel Community Foundation director at the Ridge. Some research is needed to identify the directors and to locate photographs.

Kathy mentioned that the order was approved for the plaque to commemorate the renovation of the gymnasium. The plaque should arrive by the end of this month.

Grants / Grandstand Rehabilitation +

Larry stated that he met with Michael Margulies on Thursday, February 23. Subsequently, Larry met with Melissa Tigar about applying for grants. The two sources of funding for the proposed grants include 1) the remaining balance of Holland's share of the Hunterdon County Open Space Trust Fund and 2) a re-application of the 2019 County historical grant that was rejected. Mr. Margulies suggested copying information from the 2019 grant into the current application. However, it is not clear exactly what additional documentation is required. William Millette, Open Space Coordinator – Hunterdon County, may be able to provide advice.

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No update.

Carla Cielo's Barn Survey Presentation

Larry said that he plans to meet with Carla this week to prepare brochures and invitations for the upcoming barn presentation. Larry asked for volunteers the week of July 17th to help label photographs. The date is too far in the future for some members to commit at this time.

Other Business

- **Spot-Lite Newsletters** – JoAnn completed an inventory of the Spot-Lite newsletters of the Riegel Paper Corporation that will be stored at the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Beverly plans to donate newsletters covering January 27, 1943 through December 12, 1945.
- **Holland Happenings Newsletter** – Larry asked for proposed topics for the upcoming issue. Suggestions included the Barker Tract, Henry Quinn, Tinsman sawmill, Spot-Lite articles and the oldest house in Holland Township.
- **Vacancies on Township Historic Preservation Commission** – Larry asked for suggestions to fill two vacancies on this Commission.

Public Comment - N/A

Show and Tell

- 1954 Letter – Addressed to Edmund Nonnemacher, signed by John L. Riegel. Letter acknowledges that the trustees of the Riegel Community Foundation had raised more than \$35K toward the construction of the Riegel Ridge pool. (Letter to be filed at the municipal building.) – JoAnn
- Riegel Paper Corp Deed Index – List of Riegel property conveyances in Alexandria, Holland and Milford from 1938 through 1981. Compiled from grantor indices at the Hall of Records in Flemington. - Beverly
- Article – “Celebrating 100 Years of Farmall Tractors”, Lancaster Farming, 25 Feb 2023. - Larry

Next Meeting: Monday, April 3rd, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 8:09 PM