

# Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2024  
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

## Minutes

### **Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM**

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Larry LaFevre, Tim Fazekas, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Stacey Rister, JoAnn Bonham Schaible, Kathy Sciarello

Guests: Patricia Anderson, Joseph Somers

*Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 21, 2023.*

### **August 2024 Minutes were approved.**

### **Holland Township 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

#### **Square Dance at Riegel Ridge - November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024**

Patricia Anderson and Joseph Somers of Holland Parks and Recreation will collaborate with this Commission and the Riegel Ridge Community Center in planning the square dance. The event falls under the Parks and Recreation mission. Joseph plans to set up a table displaying a tri-fold of vintage photographs. He also plans to sell the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary books (\$5 each). Kathy Sciarello suggested selling the anniversary postcards (\$5 for a set of six, and \$1 each). Bottled water will be sold, but it will be kept separate from the books and postcards. Dan Bush stated that a change fund or starting cash from Kristi Gano will be needed for the square dance and Trunk or Treat events. Generally, cash should be remitted back to the municipality within 48 hours. Stacey Rister will follow up on electrical issues for the square dance.

Dan approved the sale of beer and wine to benefit the Volunteer Fire Company. The adult beverages will be served inside the lounge. A necessary permit has already been obtained. Stacey mentioned that Holland School included the square dance flyer on email blasts to all parents. Patricia suggested that we include the availability of beer and wine on the flyer, if we can. Dan agreed. Dan asked for a list of Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation members who plan to attend the square dance. Then, we will know in advance who to expect and who can take pictures.

Dan gave a review of the 5K River Run held on October 5<sup>th</sup>. A total of 65 runners participated. Medals were awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners, men and women. Dan ordered a third set of medals for display at Riegel Ridge. Kathy will reach out to Heather Jenkins at the Ridge for photographs of the 5K run and Community Day. Joseph asked about pictures from the Vintage Baseball Game. Photos will be considered for inclusion in the tri-fold display mentioned above.

Dan suggested a second (final) edition of the Holland Sesquicentennial Book at the end of this year to include all 150<sup>th</sup> events and pictures. Trunk or Treat and the Longwood Gardens bus trip will also be included. In addition, Dan suggested adding the three Boy Scout Eagle Award recipients. (These pictures are available from Melissa Tigar.) Dan also mentioned that the commemorative T-shirts are very popular, but they are not offered for sale.

### **Grandstand Renovation and Riegel Ridge Community Center**

Grants awarded to support Phase I include \$120K from the NJ Historic Trust (not yet received), \$50K from the County Historical Trust Fund (requires State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) approval and detailed plans before funds can be released) and a \$30K municipal county grant.

Larry LaFevre stated that Michael Margulies needs a signed contract to commence work on detailed plans required by SHPO. Dan said that a professional service agreement has already been signed. A formal notice that grants are forthcoming is needed before a Township ordinance can be established for advancing the funds. This will not take place until early next year.

## **2025 Budget**

Larry reviewed the proposed budget for 2025. The total of \$7,000 is the same as last year, before the 2024 budget was reduced to \$5,000. Stacey asked about the self-guided barn tour. Larry responded that there are approximately 92 barns in the Township. Multiple tours would be required to cover them. The budget is due for submission by the end of October.

## **Hunterdon County 250<sup>th</sup>**

Joe Becker said that he attended the Hunterdon County 250<sup>th</sup> Meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at the Main Branch of the Hunterdon County Library. There were 10 members present. Joe outlined the topics that were addressed. Larry asked if the proposed update of the 1979 County Historical Resource Inventory was covered. There is a due date of December 2, 2024. This Commission could send the existing Holland inventory with updates. Joe also mentioned a Revolutionary-era map of Hunterdon County that is available from the New Jersey State Archives. (Contacts are Larry Kidder, John Grady.)

## **Other Business**

- **Form W-9; Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification** – This form is highly recommended by municipal auditors. It is required of vendors and suppliers.
- **Archive Room at Riegel Ridge** – Blinds are now installed, but there is no air conditioning.

## **Show & Tell**

- **1960 Photograph** – Go-Kart Club (young men) - Larry
- **Photographs** – Vintage square dance and Christmas party from the collection of F. Stull – Larry
- **Old Spot-Lite Newsletters** – Featuring ads for barn dance - JoAnn
- **PNJ Event Reminder** – Titus Farmstead in Hopewell, October 8, 2024 - Larry
- **Print (Copy)** – Andrew Wyeth Public Sale 1943 - Larry
- **Postcard Notice of Sale** – Corcoran Sawyer Smith, 236 Church Road, Holland Twp – Larry
- **Vintage Milford Borough Photographs** – On loan from Mr. Steven Philkill – Beverly
- **Ted Wahl Watercolor Artwork (10 Originals)** - Tim

**Public Comment - N/A**

**Next Meeting: Monday, November 4th, 2024 at 7:00PM**

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM**