

**SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2014**

Members Present: Sandy Momyer, Chair; Joanne Brown, Dianne Cram, Khalil Hihi, Jay Stearly, Ginny Stearly

Bd. of Supervisors: Fred Parry, Chair; Martha Krajewski, Jim Morrisson

Sandy Momyer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. For the record, we are meeting a week later than scheduled due to the Presidents Day holiday.

MINUTES: Minutes for January were approved as written: motion by Jay Stearly, seconded by Ginny Stearly. All ayes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- March 11 – Private Estates/Schuylkill River – Schuylkill River Heritage Center
- March 27 – Schuylkill Township Updates – PCC
- June 12 – Janet Uhlar – Moore Hall/Gen. Greene program – PCC
- September 10 – Mike McGraf of You Bet Your Garden to disc. Mulch/compost in re to the new leaf disposal system in our township – PCC
- November 1 – Founders Day – PCC

ORDINANCE AND SURVEY:

- John Gregory sent a report from David Sweet (consultant) that our Phase II survey will have to go for approval at the County level before being amended to our historic ordinance. Sandy will present the new survey documents prepared by Khalil Hihi to the BOS at its March meeting and ask them to proceed to make the amendment to our ordinance.
- Sandy will check with David K. to check on status of printing survey
- Sandy will talk to Madeline to secure mailing labels, postage stamps and envelopes to prepare the mailing process to send copies of the survey to each property owner. We will include a list of the procedures to follow when changes are desired on such properties.

PERMIT PPROCEDURE APPROVAL:

Sandy forwarded the approved permit procedures to Kim and the township office. In discussion with Kim, it was determined that our system is obsolete and we cannot red flag Class 1 and Class 2 properties with this database. Khalil will call Kim to see what he can do to assist. Jim Morrisson will look into what can be done re new systems that are available.

SCHUYKILL SCHOOL PLAQUE:

- Sandy has been in contact with Interpretive Graphics re the plaque for the bell monument and will get a cost for the plaque. She asked for approval from the

HC to use this company. Motion: Dianne Cram, seconded by Jay Stearly.
All Ayes

- The Schuylkill Township budget has a line item for this plaque. In addition, Sandy announced that she will be presenting a check for \$550 from the Friends of Schuylkill School to the BOS at its March meeting to be used toward the plaque installation. FOSS has been terminated and this is the remaining balance in its organization.
- Sandy has been invited to the Chester County Historical Society radio program Past Times to discuss the Bell/Cupola story. She will notify all of the station and time of broadcast.

VALLEY PARK TROLLEY STATION

- The 2014 budget has \$10,000 for the next phase of renovation. Sandy and Dianne will meet with Matthew Robeson to determine what he recommends for the next step. Interior renovations will be on hold until it is determined how the building will be used.

REPORTS – FRANK NEWHAMS

- According to Yerkes office, updates on the reports are not available because of the weather. Martha said that a lot of roof and serious storm damage has kept them from coming out to inspect. In the meanwhile, 29 South White Horse Road continues to deteriorate. Jay reported that a garage behind the neighboring house is collapsing.
- Jim Morrison said that since Becca's Restaurant has closed Royal Bank may have interest in acquiring that property. This property needs to be watched for potential future problems.
- Anderson Farm barn continues to deteriorate with the hole in the roof getting larger.

OLD BUSINESS

- Historic Preservation Network of Chester County will possibly be offering a bus trip to the Historic Preservation Forum in Philadelphia in July.
- Freedoms Foundation – There has been no contact from Mr. DiYesso after repeated attempts. Jim Morrison suggested that the Township request an updated inspection by Yerkes accompanied by a member of the Historical Commission and BOS.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, March 17th at 7:00pm.

Minutes prepared by:
Sandy Momyer and Dianne Cram

**SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION
AGENDA – February 24, 2014 – 6 p.m.**

1. Call to order – Sandy Momyer, Chair
2. Approve January 2014 minutes – Dianne Cram, Secretary
3. Announcements:
 - a. March 27- Schuylkill Twp. Updates – PCC
 - b. June 12 – Janet Uhlar – Moore Hall/General Greene book – PCC
 - c. September 10 – TBA
 - d. November 1 – Founders Day – PCC
 - e. CCHPN Workshop
4. Survey – Khalil Hihi
 - a. BOS – submit survey II with list and map
 - b. Printing
 - c. Mail to residents
5. Permit Procedure approval – Sandy
6. Schuylkill School plaque – Sandy
 - a. Chester County Radio show interview
7. Valley Park Trolley Station – Sandy
8. Reports – Frank Newhams
 - a. 29 S. White Horse Road
 - b. Anderson Farm Barn
9. Old Business
 - a. 2014 Forum
 - b. Freedoms Foundation
10. New Business
- 11, Next Meeting – **WE RESUME OUR NORMAL SCHEDULE**
Monday, March 17, 2014, 7 p.m.. – St. Patrick’s Day!
12. Meeting Adjourned