

SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting - October 20, 2014

MEMBERS ATTENDING: Sandy Momyer, Khalil Hihi, John Gregory, Ginny Stearly, Dianne Cram

APPROVAL OF PAST MINUTES: Minutes of the July, August and September meetings were approved with minor grammatical correction.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy reported that Representative Andy Dinniman has an article published on Galusha Pennypacker and his involvement in the Civil War.

FOUNDERS DAY

The event will be held November 1, 11am-1pm at Phoenixville Country Club. Honoree Dr. Lola Reed is unable to attend, but two of her nieces will represent her. McAvoy Brick Company will also be honored. Pamela Applegate-Frasch will again coordinate the refreshments.

PHOENIXVILLE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Fagely and a representative of Schardergroup Architecture LLC presented an overview of the condition of the barn on the Meadowood site. They also reported that the proposed 20,000 sq. ft. maintenance structure will be re-located farther away from the historic buildings.

BULL TAVERN

Sandy gave a brief report on the recent tour of the building. We are awaiting a report on the historic value of the Bull Tavern from Bob Wise.

SCHUYLKILL SCHOOL PLAQUE

The large plaque is being fabricated and Sandy will prepare the draft for a smaller sign that will explain the mill stone and its use as a base for the Maypole.

VALLEY PARK TROLLEY STATION

Dianne reported on a conversation with Matthew Roberson about the historic wall treatments inside the structure. Khalil will provide a photo that shows remnants of the wallboard that was in place.

SURVEY

Sandy has been unsuccessful in trying to contact David Kiefer to find out the status of the printing job. It was determined that Mary Bird has a full set, and that a full set without the introductory cover letter is in the closet in the meeting room.

BUDGET

Sandy has submitted our request for \$5000 for expenses and \$10,000 for the Trolley Station restoration. Mary Bird has suggested that we schedule some educational programs. Martha suggested that we consider author/historian Tom McGuire. John suggested a program about the history of the Pickering Hunt.

REPORTS

29 South White Horse Road – All replacement windows are installed, gutters and outside stucco work has not been completed. The report does not mention if there has been further contact with the owner or owner’s nephew.

Anderson Barn – No further developments.

100 Creek Road – Barbara said, once again, that she will contact the owner, Dr. Eisner.

FREEDOMS FOUNDATION

There has been a permit request to update the fire alarms in the MacArthur and Hamilton buildings.

NEW BUSINESS

Ginny reported on the Trails Task Force and plans for the “Freedom Trail” linking Valley Forge to Schuylkill Township. There is a public feasibility meeting planned for November 20th.

The combined townships newsletter will publish quarterly; the current deadline is November 1st.

Sandy requested that Khalil contact Mary Bird regarding his needs for new software.

Property owners at 501 Valley Forge Road are planning to put on a deck on the new addition and will provide plans.

Sandy reminded us that there will be an adjustment in meeting dates in January and February due to the Monday holidays. The Historical Commission will meet on the following Mondays at 6:00pm.

Meghan Eadie property – It has been reported that the landscaping company along Valley Park Road is seeking a buyer. Sandy will refer them to the Open Space Committee.

Pickering Golf Club - The developer is seeking information about the mines on the historic Thompson tract. A particular mineral, a grass green pyromorphite was found there.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Submitted by

Dianne M. Cram

**SCHUYLKILL TOWNSHIP HISTORIC COMMISSION
AGENDA - October 20, 2014 – 7 p.m.**

1. Call to Order – Sandy Momyer, Chair
2. Approve July, August, September minutes – Dianne Cram, Secretary
3. Announcements:
 - a. Dinniman Event – Pennypacker
 - b. November 1 - Founders Day – November 1 – 11 a.m. – PCC
4. Founders Day update – Sandy
5. Phoenixville Area School District – Meadow Brook
6. Bull Tavern – Sandy
7. Schuylkill School Plaque and Millstone – Sandy
8. Valley Park Trolley Station – Dianne
9. Survey – Khalil and Sandy
 - a. Printing and mailing
 - b. Printing Status – David K.
 - c. CCHPN – Nov. 11
10. Budget (out reach) – Sandy
11. Reports – Frank Newhams
 - a. 29 S. White Horse Road
 - b. Anderson Barn
 - c. 100 Creek Road
 - d. Freedoms Foundation
 - e. 100 Country Club Road
 - f. Showalter/Levin Barns
 - g. American Ink
12. Old Business
 - a. Trail Task Force Update
 - b. Newsletter deadlines
 - c. New Township software
13. New Business
 - a. 2015 Calendar
 - b. Pickering Golf Club
 - c. Meghan Eadie – Eadie property
 - d. 501 Valley Forge Road
14. Next Meeting – Monday, November 17, 2014 – 7 p.m. – Municipal Building
15. Meeting Adjourned