

## Schuylkill Township Historical Commission

### Minutes of Meeting – September 21, 2015

Members in attendance: Sandy Momyer, Jay Stearly, Ginny Stearly, Khalil Hihi, David Kiefer, Dianne Cram

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from August 2015 meeting were approved.

#### Announcements

Chester County Historic Preservation Network workshop will be held Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Founders Day is Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### 1571 Valley Forge Road / Bull Tavern / 100 Country Club Road

There are no updates on these properties.

Sandy stated that she feels the Historical Commission has been bypassed by the township office in regards to setting up a meeting with Marc Faulkner and also that the office has not been keeping the Commission involved in the processes concerning these properties. The only information recently gained was that the Anderson Farm barn has been posted as unsafe and the owner cited with code violations.

#### Trolley Station

Dianne reported that since we do not have a clear sense of the future use of the structure, or for the surrounding area in regards to trails, the best we can do is spend the allotted money for this year on continuing to restore portions of the interior, rough in electrical wiring or purchase materials that can be stored for future installation.

Andy Gustine was in attendance to present his cost estimates for carpentry, and electrical work. He recommended that we put in basic electric wiring and contact PECO about the feasibility of electric hook-up to the adjacent power pole.

Fred Parry suggested moving ahead with the electrical work and that the Commission should apply to BOS for extra money as needed.

#### PASD Barn

Dianne will contact barn historian Greg Huber to contract with him for a study of the PASD barn. The price of \$750 was approved.

#### Founders' Day

Sandy has been in touch with Nathan Rein, clerk of the Schuylkill Friends' Meeting to gain more information about the history of the Meeting. We will offer to help them with preservation planning for the building as well as assist in getting a State historical marker on the road.

Sandy will contact Pamela to see if she is able to help with refreshments.

New Business

A lecture is planned in June 2016 at the Phoenixville Golf Club. Christopher Densmore, Curator of Friends' Quaker Meeting Library at Swarthmore College will be the speaker.

Dorothy Bedford is a prospective member for the Commission.

Planning for signs for the township is still on hold pending information on right-of-ways.

The 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the iron and steel industry will be 2016. All sites in the region are planning events. A web site will be available.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

The next meeting will be October 19<sup>th</sup>.

Submitted by  
Dianne M. Cram