

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, July 7, 2014
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:04 PM

Present: Joseph Becker, Dan Bush, Beverly Kirby-McDonough, Larry LaFevre, Carl Molter, Kathy Sciarello

Excused: Peter Craig, Shirley Wydner

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the Open Public Meeting Act Law by the Township Clerk.

Minutes of the June 2014 meeting were approved.

Museum Crawl & Holland Exhibit at Prevost House – Sundays, July 13th and 20th

Joseph Becker presented a report of maintenance at the Prevost House on July 5th, 2014. He described the exterior work performed, and made recommendations for future repairs.

Larry LaFevre discussed setting up the Holland exhibit. Activities will include labeling, wiring and hanging of historic photographs, and displaying books and other items of interest. Larry agreed to contact Erich Zeh about arranging his collection of Indian artifacts.

Larry and Beverly Kirby-McDonough will begin setup on Friday evening, July 12th. Coverage for the event will consist of Joe and Beverly on July 13th, and Larry and Carl Molter on July 20th.

Upcoming R. Peabody Talk – Saturday, July 19th

Larry showed a selection of invitations developed for the event, and agreed to distribute them mainly through email. Kathy Sciarello mentioned that refreshments, including punch and cookies, will be supplied by Shop-Rite. Dan Bush agreed to make arrangements for a sound system, including a microphone. Joe plans to meet with Alphonse at the Riegel Ridge Community Center about setting up the lounge and lobby.

Community Day

Dan announced that Community Day will be held at the Riegel Ridge Community Center, and that parking will be available in a field adjacent to Bethany Ridge. There will be a dedication of the newly restored patio and the park. Other activities will include a car show and fireworks display. The pool will be open for free on Community Day.

Dan expressed the need to develop a list of people and organizations to be invited to the dedication. He asked for assistance in identifying the “Riegel Ridger’s”.

1860 Farm Map

Larry mentioned that he heard from Peter Craig that the 1860 Farm Map is framed, but not done. When the map is finished, it can be placed in the local bookstore at Frenchtown.

Other Business

- Joe stated that a World War II memorial was found in a maintenance building near the Holland Church. It is a large, white board with names of local veterans who were parishioners at the church. The memorial will be donated to the Township, and Joe will make arrangements to pick it up. It will be stored temporarily at Riegel Ridge until plans are made to display it.
- Kathy mentioned that she received a donation of a log cabin design quilt from a distant relative in Colorado with Holland Township roots. The quilt is now donated to the Hunterdon County Historical Society for preservation.
- Larry mentioned that an oral history interview took place on June 7th with a local resident, Mrs. Jeanie Dalrymple. Larry received a copy of the Cole / Boss / Reading family history from Mrs. Dalrymple, and offered to share it with the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Dan confirmed that the annual budget for the Historic Preservation Commission is \$7,000.
- Joe and Beverly gave an update on the Hunterdon County Community Day held at the County Fairgrounds in Ringoes on June 21st. The day was a success.

Show and Tell

Joe showed two old copies of “The Spotlight”, a publication for Riegel Ridge Paper Mill employees. Joe said the oldest copy he could find was from January of 1939. Additional issues of “The Spotlight” are stored at the Riegel Ridge Community Center.

Next Meeting: Monday, August 4th at 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned: 7:57 PM