

Holland Township Historic Preservation Commission Meeting

Monday, August 7, 2023
Holland Twp. Municipal Building, 7 PM

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Adequate notice of this meeting was given pursuant to the open public meeting act by the Twp. Clerk on December 8, 2022.

Minutes of the June 2023 meeting were approved.

Historic Sign for O'sakame Park

Larry LaFevre shared examples of local historic signs that could be installed at O'sakame Park. This Commission agreed on a four-post, photo/narrative style. The sign would be erected near the parking area where visitors can view it. It would memorialize the Clark / Robbins farmstead and Revolutionary patriot, Jeremiah Clark. Larry showed a narrative that will be condensed to fit the sign. Also, Larry said he will reach out to the Hunterdon Land Trust to identify the vendor and cost. The source of funding was also discussed. Dan Bush suggested that the cost could be shared with the Agricultural Advisory Committee.

Riegel Ridge Community Center

Photographs of Riegel Ridge Directors – Kathy Sciarello showed completed, framed portraits of five former Riegel Ridge Directors. The images will be mounted in the kitchen area of the Riegel Ridge Community Center. Kathy had a picture of the kitchen, and marked where the photos should be installed. Kathy will deliver the pictures to the Community Center. Dan made arrangements with Corey Colaluce to hang the photographs.

Louis XIV Table – Kathy reported that she attended an antique appraisal event at the Hunterdon County Library. She consulted with an appraiser and showed pictures of the table. The rosewood table was made in 1880's Victorian style. Without provenance and missing parts (legs and leaves), the table has little to no market value. Based on this feedback, the table will not be restored. However, the table does have historic significance to Riegel Ridge, and it should be covered. Dan agreed to ask the Committee about the purchase of a glass top for approximately \$900.

Holland Township 150th Anniversary

Donors - Dan listed donors for the 150th Anniversary. Northfield Bank gave \$5.0K, Georgia-Pacific plans to give between \$2.5K - \$5.0K and JCP&L plans to give \$1.0K. A request was made of GenOn for \$5.0K. Also, a letter will be sent to local businesses asking for \$500 each for small sponsorship banners and for T-shirts. Donations will be used to support general events only, not vintage baseball jerseys. Dan mentioned a potential, full sponsorship of the baseball jerseys. Any residual funding will be applied to the restoration of the Riegel Ridge grandstand. Dan expects to receive a response about the jerseys within two weeks.

150th Events – Dan said he spoke with Jessica Neglia. They discussed revolving TV's in the Riegel Ridge lounge three Saturdays per year, 5K River Run and an updated Holland Township bi-centennial book.

Community Day - Dan talked about plans for 2024 Community Day. They include a large tribute band such as the Eagles, kid's events inside the Community Center and a revolving event. Dan is open to other options, as well. Larry suggested a horse pulling event. Also, old time baseball teams are still being sought. (Mr. Dave Szwec may take the lead on this.) There will be free entrance to the Riegel Ridge pool, and free food such as burgers and/or hot dogs served by the Committee.

2023 Community Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 9th. It will feature “Best of the ‘80’s” music, “Talewise” and “Eyes of the Wild” kid’s events, Descendant’s Brewery on the rear patio and four food trucks (including one barbeque truck).

Other Business – N/A

Public Comment - N/A

Show and Tell

- Sample Pictures of Historic Signage - Larry
- Framed Photographs of Former Riegel Ridge Directors - Kathy
- Donated Riegel Corp. Items from R. Miller – Kathy
(Beverly Kirby-McDonough will inventory the items and send a note of thanks to Mr. Miller.)

Next Meeting: Monday, October 2nd, 7:00PM

Meeting Adjourned at 7:26 PM