



East Pikeland Historical Commission Meeting Minutes October 20, 2015

Attendees: Jim Garrison, Joanne Moser, Kris Jommersbach, Jon Gayl, and Molly Ruzicka

Not in Attendance: Bob Freibel

Guests: Sue Marshall - Chester County Historical Planning Network
Kehl Rothermel – Township resident

The meeting commenced at 7:00 pm. The meeting agenda was presented to the Commission members and the following issues were addressed:

GENERAL

- **Minutes** - The minutes from the August 19th meeting were presented and approved.
Note: There was no meeting in September
- The Commission accepts with regret the resignation of member **Jamie DeFelice**. His expertise and dedication will be sorely missed.
- **2016 Chester County Town Tours** – The theme of the 2016 Chester County Town Tours will be celebrating the 300th anniversary of the making of iron in Pennsylvania. The County is planning a trolley tour of iron and steel sites for the July 14th walking tour. East Pikeland will be included in the tour with two stops in Kimberton Village and the Continental Powder Works. Mr. Gayl volunteered to be a docent and give a presentation on the Kimberton Village and Mr. Garrison volunteered to give a presentation on the Continental Powder Works. In addition East Pikeland will be proposing a walking tour on Pickering Road - from Merlin Road to the bridge at Lincoln Road on August 18th.
- **Chester County Historical Planning Network (CCHPN)** - The Fall 2105 Workshop will be held on October 24th from 8:00am - 12:15pm at the Olivet United Methodist Church in Coatesville. East Pikeland Chairman Jim Garrison will be one of the featured speakers. His presentation is titled, “*Maintaining that Grand Olde Building for Years to Come.*”
- **Training** - Mr. Gayl has agreed to review and recommend training opportunities for the Commission members that will satisfy Certified Local Government (CLG) training requirements.
- The **Pikeland Historical Society** will be presenting a lecture entitled, “*Mold vs. Microbes - The Story of Penicillin*” on October 23rd at 7:00pm at the Township building.

NEW

- **1218 Hares Hill Road** – The homeowner would like to replace the second floor left side and rear windows. The six over six double hung windows are paintable wood inside and painted metal on the outside. After review, the Historical Commission approved the window replacement application.
- **Snyder’s Mill** – Mr. Garrison presented the members with two options for the renovation of Snyder’s Mill. Both options would contain a passive exhibit within the structure. The first option is a conjectural reconstruction that would be to put a new roof, door and windows on the structure based on the historical evidence from the Bartman survey in 1991. The second option is a contemporary structure that would preserve the existing masonry shell by adding an “umbrella roof.” No windows or doors would be added, but the masonry openings would be reinforced to prevent further deterioration of the walls. After review and discussion, the Commission agreed to recommend hiring a design professional to further develop option #2.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.
The next meeting will be November 18th at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Jommersbach
Secretary – Historical Commission