

Historical Commission of East Vincent Township
Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2022

Attendees: Marietta Gies (Chair), Sandy Heidel (Vice Chair), Suzanne Amrich (Secretary), Robert Fry (Member), Marcy Fields (Member)

Not in Attendance: Robert Price (Member)

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Marietta Gies, Chair

Minutes

- Minutes from May 25, 2022 were approved.

Pledge of Allegiance

New Business

Revolutionary Officers' Gravesites at Todd property

- Information was presented to Historical Commission (HC) regarding the unverified gravesites.
- HC offered some resources.
- Property owners and neighbors will determine how to proceed with verification and identification.

Scavenger Hunt for Community Day

- September 30, 2022 for volunteers, time T.B.D.
- Scavenger Hunt
 - Marietta & Sandy confirmed 15 sites.

Time Capsule

- Surgical Mask was suggested by Robert Fry.
- 2022 US Women Quarters.
 - Only 3 of the 5 have been issued.
- Robert Fry suggested items be from current day to represent this time period.

Hickory Grove Schoolhouse Eagle Scout Project

- No Update.

Historical & Archival Records Care (HARC) Grant Program

- Grants should be awarded at end of August.

Historic Resource Map

- No update.

Under the Stars Lectures

- Bill McGowan spoke about the Brandywine Battle on Saturday, August 20 at 7pm
 - 12 people were in attendance.

Parker Ford Tavern Evaluation

- Structural Assessment was conducted on Friday, August 12 at 9am.
- Building is in sound condition. Recommended that bowed window and door headers be braced.
- Suzanne will work with Andrew Scheerer and Matthew Roberson to create a memo of observations and prioritized treatments.
 - Brace select window and door headers to halt settlement.
 - Nominate the building for National Registry to provide opportunities for preservation incentives (grants, tax credits, building code alternatives, etc.).
 - Remove deteriorating plaster ceiling.
 - Remove antiques and stored items to alleviate dead load on existing floor framing.

- Tag and move building materials, such as window shutters and doors, to Township building for possible reuse. Storage should be dry and protected storage to prevent damage and/or deterioration.

Independence Day Celebration at the Revolutionary Cemetery

- Robert Fry offered suggestions to improve event:
 - Don't lower the flag to raise it.
 - Bugler should play "To the Colors" when raising the flag.
 - Color guard needs a drummer or a piccolo.
 - Needs a tight script.
 - 8 person Honor Guard with rehearsal.
 - Don't announce "Taps" after "21" gun salute.
 - Flyover at end of ceremony.
- Suzanne suggested a Committee be formed if the HC wanted the event to have a script and address Robert Fry's suggestions.
 - Suzanne acknowledged Marietta and Sandy's excellent work recreating the event from Clyde Scheib's notes.

Old Business

Videotaping HC Events

- Include in 2023 budget.

CCHPN 2022 Volunteer Recognition Celebration

- Nice event.
- Met Bill McGowan for presenter of Under the Stars August Lecture.

Parkerford Task Force

- Know more about grant application at the end of August.

Hickory Grove School House

- No update.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 7pm

Respectively submitted,



Suzanne E Amrich
Secretary, Historical Commission