

South Londonderry Township Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes for Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:00pm

Presiding: Maria Pichini, Chairperson
Members Present: Susan Bucks, Rugh Henderson, Sid Hostetter, Lois Matarazzi – Secretary, Bill Stoffel
Members Excused: Faith Bucks, Peter Gluszko, Cindy Skinner

Mt. Gretna Meeting - takeaways

The Mt. Gretna Historical Society enjoyed meeting with the South Londonderry Township Historical Commission and have extended their help in any way we see fit.

Discussion arose about the possibility of hosting an Antique Appraisal Day [Mt. Gretna holds this event annually – this year’s date is June 4th]. Lois will contact Sue Hostetter for information and report back at the next Commission meeting.

Colebrook Mill

The Township has received an email from the Game Commission. Their revised proposal is to exchange approximately 1.3 acres with the mill for 14 acres. This will not include the Maintenance Building. Additional terms in the proposal state that the mill must be restored within 15 years and that the Township must specify what will be completed in the restoration [a minimum requirement from the Game Commission is to have the building properly secured from weather and the walls and foundation shored up]. Once a new Maintenance Building has been built, the Game Commission will offer a second proposal to exchange additional land for the Maintenance Building. Once a new Maintenance Building has been built, the Game Commission will offer a second proposal to exchange additional land for the Maintenance Building.

South Londonderry Township Municipal Bldg.

The current Township Building will be the responsibility of the Palmyra Area School District once the new building is completed. An idea was mentioned on the possibility of using some of the space to be used as a museum and the Historical Commission’s office. The Commission should develop a plan and be prepared to present to the Township and School District.

Residential Structural Preservation

As a follow-up to the November 9, 2015, meeting minutes, the Commission needs to draft a letter to the Township Supervisors investigating any current ordinances that would help home owners in the preservation of structures on their property. The letter should include some suggestions that will encourage residents to maintain and preserve structures and to be mindful of the historical value of their properties.

National Night Out

Annual event is held the 1st Tuesday in August. This year's date is August 2nd. Maria will be responsible to reserve a table. The Commission is to bring their ideas to the next meeting about things to do in order to grab people's attention at this event.

Newsletter

Thanks were given to Bill for his informative piece on Kelly's Corner. The next submission will be due in August. Suggestions given include; 4 Villages of S. Londonderry Township [Campbelltown, Colebrook, Lawn, and Mt. Gretna], the history of Colonial/Continental Currency of the 1700's, the history of the Conewago Creek of Lebanon County, and the value of history.

Next Historical Commission Meeting

Monday, June 13th; 7:00pm at South Londonderry Township Municipal Building.

Meeting adjourned,

Respectfully Submitted,

Lois Matarazzi