

EAST ROCKHILL TOWNSHIP
COVERED BRIDGE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 2 and 21, 2007

MINUTES

The regular meeting of the East Rockhill Park and Rec Board was canceled, so the Society meeting was called to order with Tom Brady, Petrona Charles, John Cressman, Mary Fran Esposito and "K.J." Wayne Seifert, Doris Taylor, Bill Wilson and Dave Long from Haycock Historical Society, as well as Joe Ferry as E.R. Newsletter representative. Bridge work updated, noting that I-beam painting completed and deck sections are in place.

Wayne reported his attorney has prepared incorporation change of his Bucks Co. Covered Bridge Festival to our Bucks County Covered Bridge Society. He'll sign and file papers, so we should be "official" shortly. Tom reported donation of 2 gift cards from Staples (Souderton). Discussed the Re-dedication events planned for April, suggested April 12, possibly tying in with the Sellersville Museum covered bridge theme. Fund raising ideas: "breakfast on the Bridge" that morning, vendors and entertainment from noon to 4:00 pm, with re-dedication ceremony about 2:00 pm. Other ideas; selling chances, Covered Bridge cards, Tiles, (Cat's meow) type replicas.

It was suggested we'll need committees to organize for the event: Re-dedication comm., publicity comm, (including outreach), fund raising, vendors, food, entertainment and parking committees. Seeking a stage (Sellersville fire Co, or Quakertown) was discussed. We felt it would be good to walk over the site around the bridge to help plan out the event. We'll meet there 10-21 at 2pm. Next business meeting would be set for November 6, following the Park & Rec meeting at 7:00pm.

On Sunday, Oct. 21, we met at the covered (soon to be) bridge site with Tom, Petrona, John, Wayne, Doris and Bill present. We inspected the progress of construction: the laminated floor sections are all in place and clamped down. Side sections are fabricated, laying on the deck with a lot of the pegs in place, perhaps raising them into place is not too far off.

We checked the site on the north side of the Branch Creek, (where we held the previous dedication a few years ago) and also the playing fields on the other side. Consensus was to have it on the north side, where there is some power source. Perhaps a generator would be needed as well.

Petrona had a couple samples of a letterhead form with Bucks County outlined behind a view of the bridge, our name arched above and address near the bottom of the page. She'll make up a draft from the discussion on finalized design. Wayne reported that the Theodore Burr Covered Bridge Society has offered our new group a \$500 contribution. Their next meeting is Nov. 4 at 2:00pm in the Manheim Township Municipal Building. Several of us will try to attend to receive their donation. Wayne also pointed out that our meeting on Nov. 6 is election day. We'll try to move that to Nov. 7.

Bill Wilson