

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 19, 2012

Board Attendees:	<u>Present</u>	<u>Excused</u>
	Jim Rose	Leon Duminiak
	Jon Frey	Frank Baldwin
	Mark Liss	
	Leon Duminiak	
	Regina Frey	
	Jim Day	
	Charlie Liberto	

Members/Public Attendees: Paul Iverson

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – Jim Day indicated that paperwork will be submitted next week to the township to allow Lyn Vogel to begin pulling wire. The conduit installation was approved by the township inspector.
- SEPTA – Jon Frey asked Charlie Liberto to contact SEPTA to request the procurement of the surplus lamp post and fixture currently at Lansdale station. This fixture matches the ones at Southampton and is needed for replacement purposes.
- Insurance – no activity.
- Station Society Website – John Frey reported that the website received about 169 visits in the past month, down significantly since the prior month. Jon reported that he removed all the postings related to the wreck commemoration and Holiday Railfest. He also verified that all Paypal links were operable.
- Special Events/Activities – the board discussed holding another Armed Forces Day event on May 19th at the Klinger School. Charlie Liberto strongly felt that there would be too much competition from National Railroad Day events being held at 30th Street Station. He will contact the school to determine the availability of the facility. Mark Liss will work on contacting potential speakers for programs to be presented in the Auditorium.
- Grants – Mark Liss indicated that the 2012 NRHS grant application was due in April. His discussion with the Delaware Chapter Valley board members revealed reluctance on their part to fund a study as opposed to a “brick and mortar” project.
- Site Sign – no activity.
- Fundraising – the board further discussed holding a Beef N’ Beer fundraising dinner at Maggio’s with a tentative date set for Saturday, September 15, 2012.

- Adjacent Development Project – Jim Day indicated that Toner has recently submitted some revised plans to the township. Toner is purchasing one lot fronting on Second Street Pike for access.
- Site Work/Activity – Jon Frey reported that he and Regina Frey performed work at the station on New Year’s Day. A chipper will be needed in the spring to chip the brush that has been cut.
- Station Model Kit – Mark Liss will try to contact John Greene to ascertain the status of the kit and when we can expect it to go into production.
- Site/Building Issues – Jim Rose indicated that his mason will not be able to perform the foundation repair work due to health problems. Jon Frey stated that he would contact a contractor to try to get the work done.
- Village Market – Jon Frey indicated that he has not heard anything from the market group pertaining to their plans for this year’s market.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of December 15, 2011 were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer’s Report – Regina Frey reported that the current balance in the society’s account is \$4,894.39. Regina also indicated that the annual fee for the post office box has been paid. The board agreed that reimbursables would be handled by Jon and Regina Frey but Regina would not release any checks until the board reviewed the expenditures first. The board approved the Treasurer’s Report as submitted.
- Membership – no activity.
- Committees – a request was made to verify the availability of the meeting room with the township for committee meetings.
- Business Cards – Jon Frey will pursue options.
- Newsletter – Jon Frey requested that the board review the draft of the newsletter prior to it being published.
- Newtown Branch Preservation Society – Jim Day discussed this newly formed group that has plans to operate portions of the Newtown Branch. Jim expressed concern that this group may be confused with the station group in the minds of the politicians and general public and any controversy which this group generates due to their plans may reflect badly on the station society.
- Next Board Meeting – the board will next meet on Thursday, February 16, 2012 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.