

Southampton Railroad Station Society
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 19, 2012

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

Members/Public Attendees: Don Reese

Topics of Discussion:

OLD BUSINESS

- Utility Services – Lyn Vogel has pulled wire and installed the breaker box in the cellar. Charlie Liberto indicated he would contact PECO to have the wires connected to the utility pole. It was discussed that at least one board member needs to be present the day PECO is at the site. Charlie also indicated he would contact Lyn regarding an inspection agency to obtain the necessary inspection sticker. Regina Frey indicated she would contact Mr. Vogel about obtaining an update invoice for his services. Mr. Vogel had also asked whether the Society still wanted receptacles installed at each lightpole for the Village Market this summer; if so, it might be difficult removing the rusted screws for each lightpole panel. Jon Frey reported that he informed Mr. Vogel that, since the Village Market would not be located at the station site this year, there was no immediate need for the receptacles. The next step in utility services is to get the platform lights hooked up.
- SEPTA – no activity.
- Insurance – no activity.
- Station Society Website – Jon Frey reported that the website received 146 visits in the past month. He announced that two tickets for the Fall 2012 excursion have since been ordered via PayPal; the funds will remain in the Society's PayPal account for the time being.
- Special Events/Activities – Jon Frey and Regina Frey recently installed at the station the double-sided banner advertising the Fall excursion. Jon also reported that he has been advertising the event on various websites. Charlie Liberto reported that he ordered an ad for the event to be placed in the May issue of *Railpace Magazine*, and suggested submitting to the magazine a photo of the newly lit-up platform in the near

future. He also indicated he would distribute flyers at an upcoming Reading Tech. Society event in Hamburg. Additionally, Charlie had met with the pastor at the North & Southampton Reformed Church who asked if the society would set up another holiday railfest at the church for this year. He confirmed the 3rd Holiday Railfest for December 8, 2012.

- Grants – Jon Frey reported that the NRHS grant proposal is due April 25th. He obtained an estimate worth \$1,050.00 from Patrick Flaherty, a mason in Warminster, to repair and repoint the station's foundation, to be included in the proposal. The Society needs to receive matching grants worth \$500 from local businesses and/or banks. The Del.-Val. Chapter and Jon Cryan were suggested as possible sources.
- Site Sign – Jon Frey reported he would draw up a poster of Society-related information and install it near the coin box.
- Fundraising – Jim Day indicated he would try to attend the Community Organization Event April 20th, as suggested at the last board meeting by Leon Duminiak.
- Adjacent Development Project – It was noted that caution tape has gone up around the development. Frank Baldwin had learned from Township Supervisor Joe Golden that the former doctor's office had been purchased by Toner and will be bulldozed to make room for easement; there is no word on the status of PennDOT approval for the right-of-way. Jim Day indicated he would follow-up with Golden on this information, while Regina Frey indicated she would try to visit the County Courthouse in Doylestown to check for a change of title status.
- Site Work/Activity – Jon Frey reported that several piles of brush had been cleared away from the tracks, and that the weeds along the platform, tracks, and site have been sprayed. Both he and Regina Frey, along with other volunteers, are planning to work on Saturday, April 21 to continue with the brush removal/clean-up. Jon Frey and Don Reese also covered the exposed area of bay roofing with plywood and roofing materials; in the near future, shingles donated by Lyn Vogel will be added on. Frank Baldwin also discussed with Joe Golden who agreed to have the township trash collection haul away any brush piled up on the platform.
- Station Model Kit – no activity.
- Site/Building Issues – While working on the bay roof Jon Frey and Don Reese noted that many of the slate shingles on the main roof were deteriorating.
- Village Market – Jon Frey reported that Cathie and Denise were working on obtaining use of the parking lot behind Starbucks and Bank of America for the market.
- Business Cards – Regina Frey reported that samples of the business cards would be ready by the next meeting.
- Newsletter – Jon Frey indicated that he was still working on the Spring issue of the quarterly newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

- Meeting Minutes – The meeting minutes of March 15, 2012 were approved as submitted.
- Treasurer's Report – Regina Frey reported that the current balance in the society's account is \$2,982.19. Recent payments included \$86.47 for the purchase of the banner advertising the Fall 2012 excursion. Regina also reported that the society's non-profit status has been renewed with the IRS.
- Ignite/Stream Energy – The board voted to accept the proposal regarding a fund-raising potential for non-profits. Some board members indicated they would consider switching services.
- Membership – no new activity.
- Fourth of July – The board discussed making a presence at this year's Southampton Days parade. The Reading Tech. could be contacted to find out if the Camelback float is available for July 4, and society members and/or volunteers could help hand out flyers for the Fall excursion to people along the parade route. Charlie Liberto reported he might be able to get four or five pieces, such as classic antique convertibles for Phoebe Snow.
- Next Board Meeting – the board will next meet on Thursday, May 17, 2012 at the Upper Southampton Township Building beginning at 7:45pm.