



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on July 1st, 2015 at 9:03AM with Danny Younger presiding and Chantel Wilder as recording secretary.

Board Members: Danny Younger, Bob Huffman, Diane Huffman, Kim Williams

Public: None

Township Staff: Supervisor Annette Atkinson, Steven Natiello, Liaison Chantel Wilder

Bob Huffman made a motion to call the meeting to order. Kim Williams seconded the motion. Meeting called to order at 9:03AM.

Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Kim Williams seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bob Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes. seconded by Kim Williams. Motion Passed 4-0

Danny Younger will notify supervisors that he is going to step down as chairman:

- a) Board suggested Kim Williams for new chairman-Kim wanted clarification of duties of chairman vs a board member and Danny explained the expectation and duties.
- b) The Commission discussed reorganization.

Calendar:

- Kim wanted to know status of calendar project (began project but didn't finish)
- Calendar project will now be for 2016 calendars
- Chantel and Steven will look into copyright issues for the use of historical photos as we are not selling them and they are for educational purposes, so this may exempt us from most copyrights (get solicitor opinion)
- Chantel will try to have demo of calendar to present at the memory makers event
- Steven suggested one person on the board should take charge of collecting information for the calendar.

Memory Makers:

- Chantel Wilder informed the committee that Mary Shafer is confirmed as the guest speaker.
- Offer comment cards for guests to write down and share their memories, suggestions of who they would like to hear speak at future events, or what historical event they would like to be recognized
- Board members will get in contact with local residents whom they know and ask them share their memories (***board will have their notes from their meeting with local residents by next meeting 8/5/15***)
- The idea was suggested to have passports (specific to Middle Smithfield Township) available to handout to guests (could possibly include featured local residents and their stories that board members met with)

- Diane inquired about videotaping people-Steven informed her that when it was tried at previous event it did not work out.
- It was suggested that the board members take five minutes at the event and share their memories to open the guests up to sharing

Mastodon:

- Bob would like to know if the person who wrote article can be found (Robert Sullivan wrote the article, he resides in New Mexico)

Community Gardens:

- Danny stated that the new gardens are doing great-asked Steven if a load of gravel could be dumped at site so that it could be spread out, Steven will refer Danny to Erin for this

Media:

- Danny requested that a TextCaster go out to inform every one of the official day and time change of their meetings, also update Facebook page to reflect this information as well

Old Business

Bushkill Village Plan:

- The Bushkill Village Plan includes a proposal to turn an old Gas Station (located in Middle Smithfield Township) into a Bike Rental Shop.-UPDATE: Not moving forward (per Danny)

Discussions:

- Danny would like to get together with Kim to walk the railroad trail to inspect it for a potential site for cyclers and walking trail-Kim stated that only small section is on the Middle Smithfield Township side; however he would be interested in looking into it. Steven asked them to take photos of the trail and keep us updated if they choose to pursue this.
- Danny stated that he has submitted abstract to Washington DC for French and Indian War, he is waiting for a response

Meeting adjourned at 10:16am.

Next Meeting: August 5, 2015 at 9am