



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 9:07AM with Bob Huffman presiding and Chantel Wilder as recording secretary.

Board Members: Bob Huffman acting as Chair, Diane Huffman, Kim Williams, Carrie Wetherbee

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 9:07AM.**

**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 with one correction (correct spelling of Mary Shafer). Motion Passed 4-0**

**Discussion:**

- Steven Kulick has not attended a meeting since January 2015 and Annette Atkinson shared an email from him where he states that he will need to take a leave of absence. Annette Atkinson informed the committee that all board members need to attend at least 75% of meetings.
  - Bob Huffman voted to remove Steven Kulick as board member, Kim Williams Seconded. Motion passed 4-0
- Carrie Wetherbee asked about Historical Archive content. Steven Natiello informed her that we have content saved from an older computer, which were archived from committee members and residents.
- Carrie Wetherbee mentioned that she is on National Park committee and they are having an event in September, she would like to try to bring information about the Historical Commission with her.

**New Business:**

- Bob Huffman made motion to have Carrie Wetherbee on Historical Commission and as new Chairperson, as Danny Younger has stepped down, Kim Williams Seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
  - Kim Williams stated that the Historical Commission needs someone to be the backbone of commission. Carrie Wetherbee is enthusiastic about being part of the committee and she gladly accepted role as Chairperson.
  - Carrie Wetherbee is looking into grants for the township that may be able to help bring more awareness to our history.

**Memory Makers:**

- Chantel Wilder informed committee that preparation for the event is moving along nicely.
- Chantel Wilder informed committee that the Historical sample calendar would be ready for Memory Makers event on August 22.

- Carrie Wetherbee suggested that when calendars are ready in the fall we should only give out for free to some residents and try to sell (\$2.00) in an attempt to recoup the funds that was spent.
- Kim Williams was unable to meet with anyone local to ask them to share their memories; Bob and Diane Huffman have reached out to local residents that they know but none had anything to share.
- Annette Atkinson suggested that a moment of silence for Dr. Finch should be incorporated, committee agreed.
- Kim Williams asked if anyone from the committee was going to speak on behalf of the whole committee, Carrie Wetherbee has agreed to speak.
- Carrie Wetherbee wanted to know why we are not having the Memory Makers event at Whispering Pine; Annette Atkinson informed her that Whispering Pines could not hold that many people.
- Carrie Wetherbee got some background information on the area from a couple of women that are Judge Mark's Tip Staff; she will try to get their information so she can invite them to Memory Makers event.
- Carrie Wetherbee opened up discussion for next year's memory Makers theme; she suggested that we could possibly look into the fact that our area is known for being rich in Indian history.
  - Annette Atkinson Suggested the theme could also be focused on African Americans; she suggested reaching out to Sonny Murray (Hillside Inn) since we are trying to get a historical marker here.
  - Annette Atkinson also mentioned that we might have next year's event at Pocono Palace (Chantel Wilder to look into pricing and dates) since they re-did their space and can accommodate a log people.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00am.**

**Next Meeting: September 2, 2015 at 9am**