



WORKSHOP MINUTES: Historical Commission 9/22/2014

On September 22nd 2014 , the Middle Smithfield Township's Historical Commission held a Workshop at the Schoonover Municipal building, that ran from 7:05pm to 8:23pm.

Board Members: Ed Regina, Steve Kulick

In Attendance: Danny Younger, Kim Williams

Township Staff: Supervisor Annette Atkinson, Supervisor Mike Dwyer, Steven Natiello, Liaison Amy Majani

Workshop commenced at 7:05 pm

Memory Makers

- Annette Atkinson gave an update on the Memory Makers event, including the expected number of attendees, door prizes, and the event's agenda,
- Kim Williams suggested having a slide presentation of old township photos run in the background throughout the event. He also suggested a ten minutes presentation by the Historical Commission to talk about a select number of photos during the event.
- Steve Kulick said that he had spoken to Bob Ciavetta, from Pocono Record, about making a mini documentary with long-time residents about their memories of Middle Smithfield Township. Steve said that he had already arranged for six residents to be interviewed by Bob during the event.
- As far as help for the event went, Danny Younger offered to greet guests at the door and Kim Williams offered to drive Nancy Shukaitis to the event.

Township Old Photos

- Kim Williams gave an update on the progress of the Old photos calendar project. Kim said that he was still in the process of soliciting photos from notable residents such as Nancy Shukatitis and Marie Summa. He also said that he had been communicating back and forth with the National Park Services in the hopes of also getting them to contribute some old photos they had of the Township in their archives.

Attendance

- Annette Atkinson brought up the issue of low turnout at the meetings and asked for suggestions to address this issue.
 - I. Steve Kulick suggested looking at structural alternatives to solve the issue such as changing the classification of the organization from a 501(c) (3) to an interest group.
 - II. Ed Regina suggested conducting quarterly meetings rather than monthly meetings
 - III. Kim Williams suggested finding a way of recruiting new members, having them fill out an application and with it a proviso that tied membership to attendance [NOTE: there already is an attendance policy in place. Members must attend 75% of the meetings.]

Workshop Adjourned at 8:23pm