



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on January 3, 2018 at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Dana Francis as recording secretary.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Bob Huffman, Kim Williams and Ken Johns.

Public: Danny Younger, former Historical Commission Member, Ed Regina, Owner of Regina Farms

Township Staff: Liaison Dana Francis

- Meeting called to order at 8:59 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.
- 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

Correspondence:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- **Reorganization of Commission**
 - Chairman Carrie Wetherbee was reappointed by the Board of Supervisors at the Reorganization Meeting held on January 2, 2018
 - Motion to appoint Bob Huffman Vice Chairperson, by Carrie Wetherbee. Second by Ken Johns. Motion passed 4-0
 - Motion to appoint Ken Johns Secretary, by Carrie Wetherbee. Second by Bob Huffman. Motion passed 4-0
- **Review goals for 2018**
 - The Commission members collectively went over their goals for the 2018 calendar year. General discussion took place about upcoming events and dates for the year.
- **Township Marker Applications for 2018**
 - The Commission members will continue to work on the list of sites they compiled in 2017. Remaining sites to be researched for Township Marker applications are:
 - Pocono Indian Museum/Coolbaugh Mansion
 - Wooddale Methodist Church
 - Wesley Chapel

Old Business:

- **2018 Calendar Update**

- Dana provided everyone with a copy of the 2018 Middle Smithfield Township calendar. Two discrepancies were found in the captions of July and December. The Commission requested to have a work session next year prior to the calendar being sent to print to go over the final draft. Overall everyone was pleased with the turnout.

- **Memory Makers & Calendar Topic for 2018/2019**

- After much discussion, the Commission has decided to move forward with the topic and working title of “Influential Women of Middle Smithfield Township”. Danny Younger said that the topic is a great and historically significant idea. General discussion took place between Commission members and guests about possible women to be discussed in the presentation.
- Carrie stated they must get to work immediately on coming up with information to present the Board of Supervisors with showing how this can be a successful event.
- Dana told the Commission members it would be beneficial to set up a work session before the February meeting to see where everyone is in their research. She will touch base with them about scheduling in a week.

- **Historical Marker progress**

- Township Markers:
 - Carrie reviewed the two applications that were submitted by the Commission. Everyone will discuss which applications are next to being completed from their existing list at the February 2018 meeting.
- State Markers:
 - Dana informed the Commission members that she has not heard anything from the state on the submission of the Marshalls Creek Explosion marker application yet. She hopes to know by March and will keep everyone informed.

Discussion:

- The vacant seat on the Historical Commission was discussed. Danny Younger and Ed Regina both declined to fill the spot. Ed mentioned if the meetings were held at a different time of day, he may consider. Ken Johns asked Dana if her mother was still interested. Dana said she would talk to her mother about it. Carrie asked Bob if his wife Diane would consider coming back. He said he would talk to her and let everyone know.
- Dana informed the Commission that she is currently in the process of trying to gain access to the Historical Commission’s Flickr account. Once she gains access the Commission will focus on promoting their digital archives. This would be a great place to start adding some of the photos from the donated slides.

Meeting adjourned at 10:43am.

Next meeting date: February 7, 2018