



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on January 4, 2017 at 9:04 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Chantel Wilder as recording secretary.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Bob Huffman, Diane Huffman, Kim Williams and Marie Summa.

Public: Ed Regina

Township Staff: Liaison Chantel Wilder

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to call the meeting to order. Diane Huffman seconded the motion. Meeting called to order at 9:04AM.
- 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 Marie Summa. Motion Passed 4-0

Correspondence:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

• **Reorganization of Commission:**

- Carrie Wetherbee, Chair (appointed by Supervisors), Bob Huffman, Asst. Chair, Diane Huffman, Secretary.

• **Township Marker Progress:**

- Chantel Wilder provided Historical Commission members additional guideline samples and application for marker for them to review and assist with completing their marker guideline process.
- Carrie Wetherbee went over marker evaluation with members and discussed criteria options.
 - Public member Ed Regina inquired about the marker process and what/who would qualify for a township marker.
 - Carrie Wetherbee explained to Mr. Regina the Commission is in the process of creating the guidelines and criteria.
- The Historical Commission members discussed marker criteria in length and decided to maintain what they originally drafted with a few changes. Carrie Wetherbee stated that she would make the suggested updates and email the updated draft to Commission members and Board of Supervisors.
 - The Commission would like for Supervisors to review they submitted and offer their feedback on the drafts.
- The following locations within the Township have been selected by Commission for Historical Markers:
 - Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church
 - Resica Falls Village Archeological Site
 - Pocono Indian Museum/Coolbaugh Mansion
 - Wooddale Methodist Church
 - Wesley Chapel

- Diane Huffman went over research on Wooddale church, she provided a copy of deed for the church that she was able to locate.
- Marie Summa, provided an update on Resica falls, she will email the commission her research findings
- **2017 Memory Makers Theme**
 - The Historical Commission discussed possible themes for this summer's Memory Makers theme and decided on "Modes of Transportation" which will include:
 - Ferries (river travel)
 - Stage coach
 - Railroads
 - Automobiles
 - Bicycle
 - Horseback
 - Paved roads
 - Rafting (lumber)
 - Old school buses
 - Wagon
 - Steamboats
- **2018 Calendar Theme**
 - The Historical Commission discussed and decided that the theme will match the theme for Memory Makers (Modes of Transportation)
- **National Park service list of Middle Smithfield properties that are to be razed-update**
 - Carrie Wetherbee will contact the National Park Service and ask for a list
- **Historical Commission archives**
 - Historical Commission members agreed to take on a small portion at a time, Chantel Wilder will email the Commission members images that she can locate for them to review and identify
 - Marie Summa inquired about what the township is doing with recordings, are they being sold? Are they for the archives?
 - Carrie Wetherbee stated that at this time anything that comes to the Historical Commissions way is to be collected for the archives
 - Kim Williams stated that collecting the data is the first step, then figure out how the public can gain access to the archives
 - Carrie Wetherbee agreed and suggested that maybe there can be a luncheon for the residents and or invite them to meetings and designate time to review videos and photos for the public to view what has been collected.

Old Business:

- **Interview of residents (update):**
 - Carrie Wetherbee will try to locate the disk that has the interview of Nancy Shukaitis so that another person can be interviewed in 2017

Discussion:

- **Donated slides**
 - Historical Commission discussed the value of converting all the slides vs waiting for the projector to review the slides and select the slides that they would like to convert, commission members decided to wait for the projector and review the slides
 - Carrie Wetherbee discussed Steven Kulick's request to consider moving monthly meetings to Saturdays, Commission discussed request and made motion to keep monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 9am, Motion Passed 5-0
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Meeting adjourned at 11:06am.

Next Meeting: February 1 at 9:00am