



Minutes: Historical Commission Meeting

January 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on January 8, 2020 starting at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Bob Huffman, Patricia Francis, Charisse Fallon, Ken Johns

Township Staff: Holly Freese

- Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.

Approval of Minutes:

- Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes as presented. Ken Johns seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- **2020 Goals-**
 - Continue researching the history of Middle Smithfield Township
 - Finish Mosier's Dairy projects to the best of the committee's ability
 - Create a registry of donated artifacts and archives
- **Preservation of Native American Sites**
 - The committee discussed wanting to research and preserve local Native American Grave Sites.
 - Discussed presenting Native Americans to the Board of Supervisors as a Memory Makers topic. Pat Francis suggested getting the gentleman who did a presentation at ESU recently to be the guest speaker. It was discussed that Native Americans might be a good standalone event at the township building because people not invited to Memory Makers would be interested in the event. Mal Law would also be a good presenter. Holly Freese will discuss with the Board of Supervisors.
- **Memory Makers**
 - Potential Memory Makers topics to be presented to the Board of Supervisors were discussed.
 - Native Americans

- Township Farms
- Revolutionary War in the Township
- Forts (ex. Hyndshaw)

Old Business:

- **Township Marker**
 - Resica Falls Marker- Carrie Wetherbee reached out to Marie Summa and is waiting for a response.
- **Mosier's Dairy Research**
 - The Committee discussed what still needs to be researched and what still needs to be completed. Carrie Wetherbee provided research on the Mosier's family tree. The committee established that they need to focus on closer to when the farm was established.

Announcements: Ken Johns stated that the Masonic Lodged approved of the Memorial for the Coolbaugh Mansion/ Pocono Indian Museum and is preparing to carve the slate.

Discussion: None

Next meeting date: February 5, 2020

Adjournment

- Ken Johns made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 am, seconded by Pat Francis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Freese
Recording Secretary