



## Minutes: Historical Commission Meeting

November 6, 2019

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on November 6, 2019 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 October 2019 minutes as presented. Pat Francis seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

### New Business:

- Person of the Year and Volunteer Appreciation Banquet-
  - This year's banquet will be held on January 24, 2020. Tyler from TK Photography & Videography will be at the December meeting to film to committee briefly. The committee members who wish to participate will talk about their accomplishments, goals, etc. This video will be played in place of speeches at the event.
- The committee discussed some topics that they would like to research in the future:
  - Civil War
  - Revolutionary War
  - Native American Tribes
  - Schoonover Family
  - Farms
- The committee stated that they would like to have more input on what goes on the agenda. Holly Freese stated that the committee can send her topics to be added at any time. The committee also wants some clarification from the Board of Supervisors as to their role and expectations.

## **Old Business:**

- **Township Marker**
  - Holly Freese will be meeting with Supervisor Annette Atkinson to review the applications that were submitted and provide feedback. More information will be provided at the December meeting.
  - Ken Johns stated that the Masonic Lodge will be donating a stone to the Pocono Indian Museum/Coolbaugh Mansion. More information to come.
  
- **Mosier's Dairy Research**
  - The committee inquired why Middle Smithfield Township is doing research on Mosier's Dairy when it is located in Smithfield Township. Holly Freese stated that because parts of the Historic building are being used in the new Middle Smithfield Township Cultural Center & Library, the township would like to have some information on it in order to preserve this piece of history. The library is also the Library of the Smithfield's and will be serving residents of both townships.
  - Pat Francis inquired about the cost of the building and fundraising for it. The committee agreed that they need more information before they help on research and fundraising. Holly Freese will try to have more information before the next meeting.
  
- **Memory Makers**
  - Thank you letters still need to be sent to businesses who donated raffle prizes.
  
- **NCC Local History Fair**
  - Will be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 am at Northampton Community College. Some members of the committee plan to attend.
  
- **The Thuene Farm**
  - Ken Johns provided an article with information about the historic farm located in the area of River Road. Holly Freese suggested researching the farm to have a record on file, Carrie Wetherbee stated the commission has several topics that need to be researched first, by request of the BOS. Ken Johns will research independently.

**Announcements:** None

**Next meeting date:** December 4, 2019

**Adjournment**

- Charisse Fallon made a motion to adjourn at 10:0 am. Motion was seconded by Bob Huffman.

Respectfully Submitted,

Holly Freese  
Recording Secretary