



Minutes: Historical Commission Meeting

February 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on February 5, 2020 starting at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Patricia Francis, Ken Johns

Township Staff: Holly Freese & Rachel Heller

Public: Ed Regina

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

Approval of Minutes:

- Pat Francis made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes as presented. Ken Johns seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

New Business:

- The committee welcomed Rachel Heller as their new liaison.

Old Business:

Township Marker Applications

- The committee made updates to the Resica Falls marker application based on Supervisor Annette Atkinson's comments. The committee is waiting for additional comments.

Mosier's Dairy

- Carrie Wetherbee brought the final research on Mosier family. It was confirmed that any additional research would be from 1940 to present. Carrie stated that when researching, there were no records of land given to any Yohan Mosier from the Revolutionary War Era.
- Carrie Wetherbee also stated that there was a National Historical Marker application submitted and it was denied, because it was found that the current Mosier farm didn't come to be until the 1960s and therefore is not considered historic. A marker was also submitted to Smithfield Township and it was also denied due to similar reasons.
- Attached is the full report that will be given to our supervisors on behalf the committee

Memory Makers

- Rachel and Supervisor Atkinson will meet prior to the March 4, 2020 meeting to go over 2020 Memory Makers.
- The committee discussed asking businesses for raffle prizes again this year. Pat Francis suggested not venturing out to businesses outside of the township this year. Carrie Wetherbee stated that the committee will still need to solicit for prizes and sponsors in order to defray costs.

Native Americans

- Ken Johns brought up that there are many Native American markers throughout our area, however they are difficult to research, because they are located on private property for the most part. Ed Regina said there may be less invasive ways of trying to research these sites now because of advancements with technology as opposed to digging at the site.

Registry

- Carrie Wetherbee brought up and the committee briefly explained how they wanted to approach the artifact registry. Ed Regina asked what the registry would include. Holly Freese mentioned it would be a catalog of artifacts and documents donated to the township. Ed Regina also recommended going to the Census Bureau for a record of township residents. The registry was tabled until the March 4, 2020 meeting due to a time constraint.

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. The slate should be done for the March meeting and the New York Master Mason will be here for the dedication.
- Carrie Wetherbee stated that the Monroe County Historical Society will be hosting their annual meeting and awards ceremony on February 23, 2020 at Shawnee Inn.

Discussion: None

Next meeting date: March 4, 2020

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Heller
Recording Secretary