



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on March 14, 2018 at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Dana Francis as recording secretary.

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

Absent: Bob Huffman

Public: Jason Phillips, Resident and Patricia Francis, Resident

Township Staff: Liaison Dana Francis

- Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.
- Kim Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Ken Johns seconded. Motion passed 3-0.
- Kim Williams made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ken Johns. Motion Passed 3-0

Correspondence:

- Carrie shared letter that was addressed to her from the Monroe County Historical Association inviting her to attend their Promoting the Past, Engaging the Future Community workshop on April 27th. She will attend.

Public Comment:

- Resident, Jason Phillips saw Facebook posts about the open seat on the Commission and decided to attend a meeting. He is very passionate about history and would like to get involved in the community. Jason said he is interested in helping and explore history of our township.
- Resident, Patricia Francis thanked the Commission for letting her be a guest again. She explained she is still trying to gain more information on Lake of the Pines clubhouse. She has gone to the library and Monroe County Historical Association gathering all the information she can find and was hoping the Commission members could help guide her further. General discussion took place over her research. Patricia Francis also expressed interest in joining the Historical Commission.
- Dana will provide both residents with the Volunteer Application form to fill out.

New Business:

- **Township Marker-first location to be submitted for 2018**
 - The Commission members went over the remaining sites on the list:
 - Pocono Indian Museum/Coolbaugh Mansion
 - Wooddale Methodist Church
 - Wesley Chapel
 - Members will work together to complete research and Township Marker applications for each location. They hope to have everything complete by May 2018.

Old Business:

- **Donated Photos – feedback from residents**
 - Dana explained in order to keep track of feedback from residents, she will be posting about 50 photos a week to Flickr and sharing on MST Historical page/group and the Middle Smithfield Elementary group to get as many people as possible identified. Feedback on the photos has been very positive and residents love seeing them. There are about 40 photos identified already.

- **2018 Memory Makers**
 - Carrie reached out to Janet Mishkin, Professor at ESU & Quiet Valley Curator & Grants Coordinator, about speaking at this year's event and provided her with the list of women the Commission has selected, inviting her to add women as she sees fit. Carrie will follow up with Ms. Mishkin soon.
 - The Commission members reviewed the local women selected for this year's Memory Makers event. They will reach out to family members who are still local of these women for photos and information if available. Kim plans to visit the library at the Monroe County Historical Association and go through newspapers they have available on microfilm to find possible little known stories or anecdotes to add to the presentation.

Announcements:

- a) Saturday, March 24th 11th Annual Eggstravaganza, 12-2pm at Resica Elementary

Meeting adjourned at 10:29am.

Next meeting date: April 4, 2018