



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on April 4, 2018 at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Dana Francis as recording secretary.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Kim Williams Bob Huffman, Pat Francis and Ken Johns.

Absent: None

Public: None

Township Staff: Liaison Dana Francis

- Meeting called to order at 9:00AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.
- Kim Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Ken Johns seconded. Motion passed 5-0.
- Kim Williams made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Ken Johns. Motion Passed 5-0

Correspondence:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- **Welcome New Commission Member-Pat Francis**
 - Everyone welcomed Pat. She has been a resident of Middle Smithfield Township for the past 30 years and is retired from the New York Police Department. She has a love of local history and is very happy to be a part of the Historical Commission.

Old Business:

- **State Marker Update- Marshalls Creek Explosion**
 - Dana informed everyone the state marker application for the Marshalls Creek Explosion was not approved. The township has the option of strengthening the application and applying again or applying for a township marker. A follow up call will be made to Karen Galle at the Pennsylvania State Historic Preservation Office for more feedback.
 - Everyone was disappointed with the news but hopeful that a marker (state or township) will be put up to acknowledge this historic event.
- **Donated Photos**
 - Dana said she is getting decent feedback on the photos she has been posting from the donated Middle Smithfield Elementary photos. Residents have been helping to identify them on the

Historical Commission Facebook page. She asked the Commission members with Facebook pages to share the posts each week to help reach as many people as possible for help.

- **Finalize 2018 Memory Makers & 2019 Calendar Theme**
 - Previously discussed topics:
 - Women Who Made History in Middle Smithfield Township
 - Farms and Barns
 - Local Theaters and Playhouses
 - Water Falls and Tanneries
 - Resica Falls Past & Present
 - Weather
 - Schools (Middle Smithfield School)
 - The Commission members discussed various topics on the list and decided to continue moving forward with Women Who Made History in Middle Smithfield Township without being able to secure a presenter. Instead, they will try and locate relatives of the women selected to discuss in the presentation about speaking during the luncheon.
 - Confirmed speakers:
 - Sonny Murray about his mother Odetta Murray
 - Debbie Kulick about her mother Barbara Kulick
 - Carrie will try and locate relatives of the following women:
 - Charlotte Werry
 - Margaret Werry Place
 - Edith Courtwright
 - Elsie LaBar
 - Imogene Pipher
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 - Marjorie Hamblin
 - Kim suggested using the same theme for the 2019 calendar. Everyone agreed.

Discussion:

- Carrie mentioned that pushing back the goal set in March to have the rest of the Township Marker applications complete by May should be pushed back. They will need more time to put the presentation for Memory Makers together. Everyone agreed.

Announcements:

- a. Plans for Community Center to house Library and Local Museum
- b. Spring Leaf Collection: 4/23/18-5/18/18
- c. 1000 Feet of Street: Litter Pickup, Spring 2018: 8:00am-12:00pm
- d. Restaurant Week Kick-Off Event at Whispering Pines Banquet Hall 6:30pm-8:30pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:25am.

Next meeting date: May 2, 2018

