



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on April 5, 2017 at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Holly Freese as recording secretary.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Bob Huffman, Kim Williams and Marie Summa.

Public: Ken Johns, Jim Werkheiser

Township Staff: Holly Freese

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to call the meeting to order. Bob Huffman seconded the motion. Meeting called to order at 9:00AM.
- Bob Huffman made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Kim Williams seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Bob Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kim Williams. Motion Passed 4-0

**Correspondence:**

- None

**Public Comment:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **2017 Memory Makers:**
  - Professor Wilson from ESU will meet in May or June depending on schedule at university to discuss transportation.
  - Each Historical Commission member received cards from Monroe County Historical Association, which gives access to resources to help research transportation.
    - Carrie Wetherbee contacted Amy Leiser to help get photos of transportation for the event. Prices of copies (.50 page, .10 per article) of photos and is able to put them on a disk as well. Carrie will contact Amy about setting up a meeting.
    - Kim Williams already sent over some photos to Chantel, Carrie would like copies of photos as well.
    - Marie Summa brought up copyright issues with the photos being collected for the event.
- **2018 Calendar Theme:**
  - Carrie Wetherbee would like to be able to have a sample of the calendar on the tables for memory makers, would require a rush. Carrie asked Kim to send photos so they can begin selecting photos for the calendar. If a sample calendar can't be on the tables, print photos for the tables.
  - Carrie Wetherbee worked with Amy Leiser on modes of transportation, and will work on a time to go to the historical association to begin research and will let everyone know when.

- **Possible Fossil Day Event:**

- Chantel contacted the Treibles and Leaps on their availability, Treibles will be able to attend.
- Rough draft of the photo release forms that Marie Summa provided were handed out, members were asked to look over and will discuss next month.
- Chantel sent an email about the new website; a few changes will need to be made. Memory makers and board members are incorrect on the website. Will discuss when Chantel comes back. Will get something together to put in the township newsletter to advertise Fossil Day.

- **Marshalls Creek Explosion Anniversary:**

- Bob Huffman didn't get a chance to talk to the fire company, but hopes to talk to them soon.
  - Carrie Wetherbee asked if they do a celebration and how the committee can be involved. The anniversary is 8/24 and at 7 pm they blow the sirens. Carrie asked to find out if they have a company historian and if the committee can get photos of old fire equipment. Would be good for the calendar.
- Carrie Wetherbee would like to be able to take slides home to look through them; will discuss with Annette. If slides can't be taken home, should look at a box of slides after each meeting to get through together as a group.

### **Old Business:**

- **Township Marker Progress:**

- Application approved by supervisors, need to start working on the markers and research sites to start working on developing history to complete the markers to hopefully get a few up this year of the 5 that were picked. Chantel will print documents on markers for next meeting.

### **Discussion:**

- Members discussed Diane Huffman recent resignation and now vacant seat, Carrie Wetherbee asked Jim Werkheiser if he would be interested in filling the vacant seat, Carrie explained the format and what is done within the committee. Would have to send letter in and be approved by the supervisors. Jim would not be able to attend a majority of the meetings and will attend meetings as a member of the public.
- Carrie Wetherbee mentioned that seat that needs to be filled and may possibly have two vacant seats open if Marie Summa gets a surgery and will not be able to attend meetings. Carrie Wetherbee will ask supervisors about changing the ordinance to having alternates.
- Carrie attended seminar for national parks, picked up a map with all historical properties in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. The point of the meeting was to try to find out if anyone would be interested in taking over these buildings. Hoping to raise enough money to help restore and maintain some of these building, some buildings will have to be taken down due to safety. Trying to get people invested in helping the National Park Service.
- Everyone received cd from mastodon. Ken Johns brought up having the letter from John Schoonover that he dropped off to Chantel that he would like to have it on display at the township for people to see.
- Carrie Wetherbee brought up that if the commission is going to interact with children more than two times a year; everyone needs to have a background check.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30am.**

**Next Meeting: May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00am**