



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: Maryann Walsh, Resident and Mel Caplin, Resident

Township Staff: Liaison Dana Francis, Annette Atkinson, Supervisor/Admin & Ops Dir.

- Meeting called to order at 9:03AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.
- Ken Johns made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Kim Williams 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:**

- Maryann Walsh, a resident of CCP, introduced herself to the committee. She expressed interest in local history and about the potential of joining. Dana explained that the vacant seat had already been filled but Mrs. Walsh was more than welcome to attend meetings as a member of the public.

**New Business:**

- **Donated copy of Monroe County in the Olden Days**
  - Dana presented the committee members with a copy of *Monroe County in the Olden Days*, which was donated by Pam Steele Lavelle from the Bushkill/Lehman Historical Society. Carrie said the committee greatly appreciates the donation society. She briefly went over what was in it. Everyone appreciated the donation and agreed some of the photos and maps would look great framed.

**Old Business:**

- **2019 Calendar**
  - Everyone agreed that finding adequate photos for a calendar on the women of Middle Smithfield Township might be a difficult task and it might be wise to change the calendar theme.
  - Annette suggested incorporating some of Mr. Wallingford's Middle Smithfield School photos donated from Wesley Rusk & Velma Knight into the calendar. Another idea was to reach out to residents through the newsletter for photos. The committee agreed this was a fantastic idea.

- **2018 Memory Makers-Update**

- Carrie said the committee has 7 women they would like to discuss at this year's luncheon. They are working on confirming speakers/family members of each. So far confirmed:
  - Barbara Kulick
  - Odetta Murray
  - Marjorie Hamblin
  - Edith Cortwright
  - Margaret Place
- Annette stated getting someone from a site like ancestry.com or a local genealogy group to speak would be a great way to tie the whole presentation together.

- **Video Presentation**

- Dana explained to the commission that getting each speaker to sit down and be recorded would allow us to have better control over the length and content of the presentation. Annette agreed saying that having 7 people speak for 10 minutes each could be a lot for the audience to sit through and a lot for the individual doing the speaking. This would also serve as a great addition to the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Archives.
- Pat said she thinks this is a good idea and will allow those who may be nervous about speaking to have some of the pressure taken off of them.
- Carrie will reach out to those who have agreed to speak for their thoughts and availability.

- **Middle Smithfield School Photos to be displayed**

- Dana showed the committee the posters made from some of the school photos donated by Wesley Rusk & Velma Knight that will be displayed at this year's Memory Makers luncheon. The posters were well received and everyone agrees they will be a great addition to the event.

**Discussion:**

- Carrie brought in a log carrier from Tioga County. Passed down in her husband's family. They would like to donate it for our future museum. Ken said they were used excessively in this area in the past. Tanning, lumbering, etc.

**Announcements:**

- a. 2018 Spring Clean Up & Freecycle (AKA Dumpster Day), May 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 7am-4pm
- b. Township Building Closed- Election Day, May 15<sup>th</sup>
- c. Township Building Closed- Memorial Day, May 28<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting adjourned at 10:52am.**

**Next meeting date: June 6, 2018**