



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on June 7, 2017 at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Dana Francis as recording secretary.

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

Absent: Marie Summa

Public: None

Township Staff: Liaison Dana Francis

- Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.
- Kim Williams made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Bob Huffman seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Bob Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kim Williams. Motion Passed 4-0

**Correspondence:**

- Dana read aloud a letter sent to Ken Johns from the Monroe County Historical Association for artifacts he previously donated.

**Public Comment:**

- None

**New Business:**

- **2017 Memory Makers:**
  - Dr. Wilson was unable to make the June meeting due to being out of the country but was provided with all of the photos that will be used for the event via email. It was suggested to ask Dr. Wilson to set up a separate meeting with the Historical Commission so everyone can meet and go over the event. If not possible, maybe he can attend the July meeting. Carrie will follow up.
  - The Memory Makers Save the Date was finalized and ordered. The Commission members were provided a copy consensus was to use the same image for the cover of the Historical Calendar for 2018.
  - The invitation letter will be very similar to years past, and go out at the end of July.
- **Calendar Update:**
  - Kim presented the 210 photos he collected for this year's Memory Makers: History of Modes of Transportation. General discussion went on about the photos. The Commission expressed their satisfaction with the photos and captions he chose for the calendar. A few minor changes were suggested. Kim will make the changes and email the revised version to the Commission. The remaining photos will play as a backdrop during the event.
- **Marshalls Creek Explosion Anniversary:**
  - The Fire Company is not doing any sort of commemoration for the anniversary other than a small ceremony at the fire house. Carrie stated maybe the township can put something in the next newsletter about the anniversary.

### **Old Business:**

- **Fossil Day Event:**

- Fossil Day has been scheduled for October 12 from 5:30 to 7:00 and will take place at the Township building just before the regularly scheduled Supervisor's meeting. The Commission will begin compiling ideas for children's activities for the event.

- **Historical Markers:**

- Carrie compiled research on the Presbyterian Church to submit along with the Marker application.
- Some concern was expressed about the Historical Marker Application being repetitive and not having a defined role for the Historical Commission.

### **Discussion:**

- Carrie will follow up with Mrs. Knight about the projector she was going to donate. The Historical Commission can use this to go through the boxes of donated slides to see if there are any that pertain to the history of Middle Smithfield Township.

### **Announcements:**

- June 26th Anniversary of Marshalls Creek Explosion
- July 4th Independence Day (Township Building Closed)

**Meeting adjourned at 11:00am.**

**Next Meeting: July 5 at 9:00am.**