



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

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

Absent: Bob Huffman

Public: Michelle Jacques

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, Marie Summa seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Marie Summa made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kim Williams. Motion Passed 4-0

Correspondence:

- None

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- None

Old Business:

- **2017 Memory Makers:**
 - Keynote speaker, Dr. Martin Wilson was unable to make the July meeting due to a scheduling mix-up. He confirmed he will be in attendance for the August 2nd meeting.
 - Carrie presented the program draft to the committee. It was gone over in detail and all committee members were satisfied with the programs progress.
 - Kim will be doing his "Days of the Dinky" presentation, prior to Dr. Wilson, for Memory Makers. He will go over the presentation at the August meeting for Commission member feedback.
 - Local author, Michelle Jacques presented the committee with a signed copy of her book "*Images of Rail, Delaware Valley Railway: 1901-1937*" for the event's raffle. General discussion took place about other possible raffle prize options.
- **Calendar Update:**
 - Dana informed the Commission that the Township is looking into options for the design and layout of the 2018 Calendar. She mentioned the company who prints the Township newsletters, Sun Litho Print Inc. out of E. Stroudsburg. The Commission members all agreed that Sun Litho does a great job on the newsletter and they would be very satisfied with using them for the Calendar.

- **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. Carrie mentioned it is a big event and said once the Commission gets through Memory Makers this will be a strong focal point. In the meantime, everyone should think about activities for children.

- **Historical Markers:**

- The Middle Smithfield Township Historical Marker Application was reviewed by the Commission to try answering some questions they had. After review, they seem to have a clearer understanding of the application process.
- Currently the Commission has received research completed by members, but no application yet. Marie submitted her research on the Resica Fall Village Archeological Site.
 - A discrepancy in dates was found for this site. The National Register of Historical Places lists Resica Falls Village being built in 1864. Maria's research indicated 1841. Carrie will check with the State Historical Commission on the date, it is possible that there is a type error on their document.
- General discussion took place about the other selected Historical Marker sites:
 - Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church
 - Pocono Indian Museum/Coolbaugh Mansion
 - Wooddale Methodist Church
 - Wesley Chapel
- Carrie stated the Commission's goal is to have applications submitted by December 31, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 11:02am.

Next Meeting: August 2 at 9:00am.