



## **Minutes: Historical Commission Meeting**

**May 6, 2020**

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The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on May 6, 2020 starting at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Patricia Francis, Charisse Fallon

Township Staff: Rachel Heller

Public:

- Meeting called to order via conference call at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

- Patricia Francis made a motion to approve the April 2020 minutes as presented. Charisse Fallon seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

**Correspondence:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**New Business:**

**Old Business:**

#### **Memory Makers**

- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Memory Makers 2020 is on hold until further notice.
- Topic: Barns and Farms of Middle Smithfield Township (website submitted by Rachel for research)
- Mosier's Dairy (researched)
- Old Fashion remedies used by previous generations (some research collected, if the members have any additional information, please send to Carrie)
- Pat shared that she has a day book covering Special Poisons and Additives (circa 1916). Pat will try to provide copies of some of the pages of this book.

#### **Registry**

- Work will be conducted once the Library and Cultural Center is open

#### **Zebulun Masonic Lodge (Coolbaugh Mansion)**

- This presentation is on hold until after the pandemic.

**Discussion:** Carrie Wetherbee has requested that a history of the effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic be gathered for the future as part of our township history.

- How did Covid-19 effect Real Estate, Teachers and Students, Local MST businesses, Private Communities, Local Government, Tourists, What is the new normal.
- Gather information from your neighbors, friends and family. If possible interview local business owners, learn how this has impacted their business and what does the future hold for them. MST Historical Commission will document these reports and save them to our archives for future reference and history.
- Rachel suggested that we could put an article in the newsletter asking for submissions and how important documenting this time is.

**Next meeting date:** June 3, 2020

**Adjournment**

- Charisse Fallon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 am, seconded by Pat Francis.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Heller  
Recording Secretary