



Minutes: Historical Commission Meeting

January 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on January 6, 2021 starting at 9:00 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Patricia Francis, & Ken Johns

Public:

Liaison: Rachel Heller

Approval of Minutes:

- Ken Johns made a motion to approve the November 2020 minutes as presented. Patricia Francis seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Correspondence: None

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

Barns, Farms & Remedies

- Committee members are asked to have all research submitted by the February 4, 2021 meeting so that this topic can be completed and we can move into the 2021 research.

Registry

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

Zebulun Masonic Lodge (Coolbaugh Mansion)

- On hold until later in 2021

New Business:

Research/ Discussion Topic for 2021

1. Lectures by Zoom for the Residents of Middle Smithfield Township. It is suggested that we hold at least three Lectures this year on topics that will be of interest to the Community Residents. Hopefully a Presenter can be obtained to cover the topic suggested. (The three topics have not been selected and wait approval from the Supervisors.)
2. Witches, Cemeteries and Ghost, focusing of this Middle Smithfield Area. During 2020, the Committee researched Grandma's Remedies and submitted their finding, this could be included into this topic.

3. Walking Tour – of important locations in Middle Smithfield Township. We have discussed doing this as both our committee and eventually possibly opening it up to residents. This will need to go to the Supervisors for approval before we can move forward.
4. The Revolution War - Northeast Pennsylvania.
5. The Underground Railroad in Middle Smithfield Township.

Discussion:

- At the request of a committee member, we have discussed and approved moving our monthly meeting from the first Wednesday to the first Thursday of each month. This will be a temporary change as long as schools are not in session on Wednesday's.

Next meeting date: February 4,2021

Adjournment

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachel Heller
Recording Secretary