



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 at 9:03AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Chantel Wilder as recording secretary.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Bob Huffman (Absent), Diane Huffman (Absent), Kim Williams and Marie Summa  
Public: Tony Colondo, Ken Johns

Township Staff: Supervisor Annette Atkinson, Liaison Chantel Wilder, Courtney Woytko

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to call the meeting to order. Kim Williams seconded the motion. Meeting called to order at 9:03AM.
- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Marie Summa seconded. Motion passed 4-0.
- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Kim Williams. Motion Passed 4-0

### **Correspondence:**

- None

### **Public Comment:**

- Ken Johns shared photos that he owns with the commission, Kim Williams suggested that the photos be scanned and archived.
  - Carrie Wetherbee asked Ken Johns to sign a release form giving the Township permission to scan his images.

### **New Business:**

- **2016 Memory Makers:**
  - Carrie Wetherbee provided a synopsis of 2016 Memory Makers that will be held on August 20<sup>th</sup> with the topic being on historic resorts in the area. Carrie Wetherbee purchased Dr. Lawrence Squeri's book and asked for an update on booking him as a speaker.
    - Tony Colando knows Dr. Squeri personally and inquired if he would be interested in speaking at this year's memory Makers and Dr. Squeri has agreed to be a speaker.
    - Carrie Wetherbee asked Tony Colando for Dr. Squeri's contact information so that the committee could make direct contact with him to formally ask him to be a speaker and make arraignments for Dr. Squeri.
  - Marie Summa suggested another speaker in the event that Dr. Squeri is unable to attend, she suggested Marty Wilson, who took over as professor when Dr. Squeri retired, he also very knowledgeable about the historical resorts. Kim Williams suggested that both could possibly be speakers.
    - Carrie Wetherbee suggested that she would make contact with Dr. Squeri and in the interim set up a meeting with Marty Wilson to inquire if he is interested in speaking as well.
- **2017 Calendar Theme:**
  - Kim Williams inquired if the 2016 calendars were well received by the public; Chantel Wilder confirmed that the calendar was very well received by residents.
  - Carrie Wetherbee inquired if any profit was made from the 2016 calendar, both Chantel Wilder and Annette Atkinson mentioned that the donations did not equate to a profit, but that wasn't the point; it was a very economical way to raise awareness for the Commission. Also, it usually takes a few years before something catches on.
  - Kim Williams suggested that 2017 calendar theme should be on resorts, he mentioned that Marie Summa has several photos of resorts; Marie Summa will bring samples for members to view for the next meeting.

- Carrie Wetherbee suggested that there could be more than one theme for the 2017 calendars.
  - Chantel Wilder stated that 12 images of each theme will be needed for the calendar.
- Kim Williams mentioned his concern of having more than one theme at a time; it may cause issues for the future as there may not be enough material for future calendars.
  - Carrie Wetherbee agreed and suggested that all information be gathered and then the commission can make a better decision on the following themes:
    - Old Barns
    - Old Trains
    - Old Resorts
- Carrie Wetherbee suggested that the same photos used for 2017 calendar can be used for Memory Makers.

### **Historical Markers:**

- Annette Atkinson mentioned this topic was brought up to the commission in the past and wanted to get a plan together. Annette Atkinson asked the commission members to review provided material and prioritize what qualifies for a State marker and what would qualify for Township markers. Annette Atkinson review what past members suggested, such as train stop, Marshalls Creek explosion site, burial sites, Hill Side Inn and more. Churches would fall under Township Marker since they would not qualify for a State Marker. Annette Atkinson mentioned that once the commission reviews, everything can be presented to the Board of Supervisors, who are eager to advance the projects of the committee.
  - Carrie Wetherbee asked commission members to review their information packet and offer feedback at next weekend.

### **Old Business:**

- **Interview of residents:**
  - Carrie Wetherbee mentioned the interview form and suggested to committee members that mailing the questionnaire to Memory Makers members would help filter out who is interested in an interview and who has similar topics to discuss. The committee members agreed.
    - Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to mail questionnaire, seconded by Kim Williams. Motion Passed 4-0
    - Carrie Wetherbee asked if the Board of Supervisors would approve this process, Annette Atkinson said she would bring to the board once the commission has finalized the questionnaire.
- Marie Summa was able to speak to Nany Shukaitis who is interested in being interviewed. Marie Summa also mentioned a list of other possible interviewees
- Marie Summa inquired if the Township has a videographer.
  - Carrie Wetherbee suggested Steven Natiello as videographer and Annette Atkinson confirmed that Steven Natiello can be the videographer. Carrie Wetherbee suggested that interview dates be presented at the next meeting to secure a date that would work for both Nancy Shukaitis and Steven Natiello.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.**

**Next Meeting: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 9:00am**