



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on April 6th, 2016 at 9:03AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Chantel Wilder as recording secretary.

Board Members: Carrie Wetherbee, Bob Huffman, Diane Huffman, Kim Williams (Absent) and Marie Summa

Public: Tony Colondo, Ken Johns, and Dr. Lawrence Squeri

Township Staff: Supervisor Annette Atkinson, Liaison Chantel Wilder

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to call the meeting to order. Bob Huffman seconded the motion. Meeting called to order at 9:03AM.

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to approve the agenda as presented, Bob Huffman seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Bob Huffman. Motion Passed 4-0

Correspondence:

- None

Public Comment:

- Resident Ken Johns inquired if the Township has been able to locate the video that had Nancy Shukaitis on it and was informed that Mike Dwyer has a copy.

New Business:

- **2016 Memory Makers:**
 - Carrie Wetherbee introduced guest speaker Dr. Lawrence Squeri and thanked Tony Colondo for making the necessary introductions. Carrie Wetherbee provided a synopsis of Dr. Squeri's book, *Better in the Poconos*.
 - Carrie Wetherbee spoke about the CD that Wayne Bolt gave to the Township and mentioned that due to the length of the disk, it will not be able to be shown during this year's Memory Makers; however the commission members can discuss at a later time.
 - Carrie Wetherbee will speak with Wayne Bolt about the Hillside CD and if time allows, we may be able to have two presentations during the luncheon.
 - Dr. Squeri provided a preview of his presentation for Memory Makers and was very knowledgeable and enthusiastic about his research on resorts in the Poconos.
 - Carrie Wetherbee and commission members thanked Dr. Squeri for his time and for being available to speak at this year's Memory Makers luncheon.

- **Collection of Photos:**
 - Marie Summa has images on a flash drive and will share with Township at next meeting. Will sort through the images and indicated which images can be used.

- **2017 Calendar Theme:**
 - Commission members are still reviewing images for topics. New idea was suggested by Carrie Wetherbee to have consider the history of Golf courses in the Poconos

Historical Markers:

- Carrie Wetherbee asked the members if they had a moment to review the material handed out during last month's meeting for possible sites for Historical Markers to be placed at.
 - Public Member Ken Johns made a suggestion of Rail Line through Middle Smithfield Township. Carrie Wetherbee asked if there was a marker up now and Mr. Johns confirmed that there is not.
 - Carrie Wetherbee asked commission members if any other markers could be suggested and the Old Schoonover home, Methodist Church and Pineridge Church were suggested. Ken Johns indicated that if the Township came up with a financial cost of the Township Markers, he could possibly be able to have it funded by Mr. John Schoonover.
 - Carrie Wetherbee mentioned that since there is still plenty of time, the commission members can continue to review the materials revisit at a later time to discuss.

Old Business:

- **Interview of residents:**
 - Marie Summa has made arrangements to interview Nany Shukaitis and Rita Laubner together. No date has been confirmed as Maria Summa is waiting for the weather to be warmer to hold an outdoor interview.
 - Carrie Wetherbee offered to assist Marie Summa with the interview; given that there will be two people to interview.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.

Next Meeting: May 4th, 2016 at 9:00am