



The regular meeting of the Middle Smithfield Township Historical Commission was held on June 1st, 2016 at 9:19 AM with Carrie Wetherbee presiding and Chantel Wilder as recording secretary.

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

Public: Tony Colondo, Ken Johns

Township Staff: Liaison Chantel Wilder

- Carrie Wetherbee made a motion to call the meeting to order. Bob Huffman seconded the motion. Meeting called to order at 9:19AM.

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

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

Correspondence:

- Email from Resident Patricia Francis in regard to Lake of the Pines potential historic building.
 - Kim Williams has made contact with Patricia Francis and made arraignments to meet with her to view the structure. Kim Williams also invited Patricia Frances and other members from Lake of the Pines and no one was able to attend today's meeting.
 - Carrie Wetherbee mentioned that all commission members provided a variety of resources that were emailed to Patricia Francis on how Lake of the Pines can further research the history of the structure on their property; not much more the commission can do to assist them on their research.

Public Comment:

- None

New Business:

- **2016 Memory Makers:**
 - Carrie Wetherbee has contacted Dr. Squeri and asked if he could bring copies of his book to sell and sign at Memory Makers. Dr. Squeri stated that he would try.
 - Carrie Wetherbee suggested that Pocono Palace's history should be mentioned along with an historic photo as the resort falls into this year's theme and our event will take place there.

- **Collection of Photos:**
 - Marie Summa loaned the Township a disk to download the historical photos off from. There are photos on the disk that can be used for Memory Makers and 2017 Calendar.

- **2017 Calendar Theme:**

- Carrie Wetherbee mentioned that since the theme of the calendar has been decided, the photos that are selected for Memory Makers can also be used for the calendar; thus Commission members can assist with descriptions and verbiage on one theme.
- Marie Summa mentioned that when she thinks of Middle Smithfield Township she thinks of Mountain Lake and thought that should be one of the resorts that are in the calendar.
- Historical Commission created a list of resorts in Middle Smithfield Township that will be featured.

Old Business:

- **Interview of residents:**

- Marie Summa inquired if there was an IT person to videotape the interview, Chantel Wilder confirmed that no one replaced previous IT employee.
 - Carrie Wetherbee suggested an audio interview and a photo can be taken of the person being interviewed.
 - Marie Summa asked another Commission member to complete interview as her interest was to have the interview video recorded.
 - Carrie Wetherbee suggested that interviews can be put on hold until after Memory Makers as there may be more people to interview at that time.

- **Historical Markers:**

- Commission Members went over potential Marker sites and selected 5 from the list for the Board of Supervisors to review.

Discussion:

- Marie Summa inquired about background checks that the Township is asking committees to obtain if they plan on volunteering for an event that children will be present at.
 - Carrie Wetherbee reiterated what was discussed at previous meeting for commission members that were unable to attend.
- Public member Ken Johns inquired about empty library site and whether it can be used by Township for a museum.
 - Carrie Wetherbee explained that the process is very long to try to obtain a grant for this project and it has not has even been discussed with the Board of Supervisors as of yet. Many steps and research need to happen before a decision is made on whether the Township is interested pursuing a grant.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15am.

Next Meeting: July 6th, 2016 at 9:00am