

**Uwchlan Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting – February 11, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Chair Lee Wisdom

Members present: Lee Wisdom, Art Meister, Patti Meister, Teddi Wright, Holly Lopacki, Judy Haupt & Mike Huffman.

Members excused: Lou Paul, Tash Kassam (Ex-Officio), Millie Haeberle (Ex-Officio), Rita Arlinghaus (Ex-Officio), Chuck Jackson (Ex-Officio), Elise Jackson (Ex-Officio).

Members Absent: None

Guests: Jim Buczala and Kathleen Hood from CCHPN & John T. Neilson representing “The Happy Days Farm” land development project.

Minutes of the January 11, 2021 Historical Commission zoom meeting were approved by voice vote. Motion to accept was made by Vice Chair Art Meister, motion was seconded by Teddi Wright.

Guest Presentation: Jim Buczala and Kathleen Hood both members of the Education & Presentation Committee of the CCHPN of which Uwchlan Township is a member, made an informative presentation addressing the mission and goals of their organization and how they relate to local township commissions. Lee Wisdom informed Jim on the UTHC concerns about the maintenance and upkeep of the historical structures on the Hankin/Downingtown school property and possible ways to address the current situation

Old Business

Chairs Report Lee Wisdom brought up the Commissions need for an updated listing of historic properties/buildings in Uwchlan Township. The listing that the Historical Commission currently has is outdated. This information is needed for the Commission to update our resource pictures. The pictures that are currently on file were taken in 2006. Lee also informed Commission members that the UTHC membership with the CCHPN has been renewed. The Happy Days Farm tour/visit has been planned for February 26th at 2:00 PM. Lee also brought to the Commission members attention that anyone interested in submitting an article for the Townships spring newsletter must do so by March 12th. Mike Huffman will forward an article for the newsletter outlining the history of the Cadwalader House,

The Office Managers duties will be performed by Lee, Art and Mike. It should be noted that it will be hard to match the work that Chuck & Elyse Jackson accomplished.

Vice Chair Report – No report for February 2021.

Office Manager's Report: None submitted.

Treasurer's report – None received as of meeting date.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Publicity: The winter issue of the Township E-news has a professionally written article on the Edith P. Moore School House,

Library: Lee Wisdom indicated that she is continuing to file items received by the Commission.

Township Liaison Report: Lee will be in attendance for the Township Supervisors Zoom Meeting on March 8th.

Open House 2020 Schedule: Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic it will be a wait and see as to what will happen in 2021. As of now no open houses are scheduled.

New Business: Lee Wisdom made a motion to make Chuck and Elyse Jackson Ex-Officio members of the UTHC. Motion was seconded by Art Meister. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Other Business: Judy Haupt is continuing to research Juneteenth information and activities as it relates to Uwchlan Township. Of special interest was the roll of John Vickers as Underground Railroad manager in Uwchlan Township.

Next Meeting Thursday March 11, 2021 at 7:30 PM, it will be a Zoom Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM by Chair Lee Wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Huffman
Secretary
For the Commission