

Uwchlan Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting – January 14, 2021
Zoom Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by the Acting Chair Art Meister

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

Members excused: Tash Kassam (Ex-Officio), Millie Haeberle (Ex-Officio), Rita Arlinghaus (Ex-Officio), Connie Happersett (Member Emeritus).

Members Absent: None

Guests: John T. Neilson & Amber Neilson – John Neilson indicated to the Commission members that he filed a proposed Land Development Plan for park and other historical structures on the property.

Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Historical Commission Meeting as amended to read that it was a “Zoom Meeting” were reviewed. Mike Huffman made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Lee Wisdom seconded the motion. Motion passed by voice vote.

Old Business

Acting Chairs Report. Art Meister reported that the current meeting would be our annual re-organization meeting. The floor is open for nominations with the following members nominated as indicated:

Chair – Lee Wisdom
Vice Chair – Art Meister
Treasurer – Holly Lopacki
Secretary – Mike Huffman

The Office Managers Position was discussed with Chuck Jackson and is open to any member expressing an interest, Tentatively, Art Meister, Lee Wisdom and Mike Huffman expressed an interest to work jointly to achieve a smoothly running office,

Vice Chair Report – No report for January 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 had received a request from an individual searching for any old High School Year Books. Lee indicated that the only book on file at the Cadwallader Library was a Downingtown High School yearbook from 1964.

Township Liaison Report: Nothing to be reported, Lee Wisdom, Judy Haupt and Mike Huffman will be covering Township meetings on a rotating basis.

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: Obtaining a new computer for the Cadwallader Office was discussed along with an internet connection. It was proposed that our meeting dates be changed to Wednesday evenings during the months of June, July and August so our members can attend County sponsored Historical Events and Tours which occur on our normal meeting night. More discussion on this to follow, as we would need Township permission to make the change.

A voice vote was taken for the 2021 proposed slate of Historical Commission Officers as follows: The following candidates were approved for 2021.

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Other Business: The Commission needs to ensure that we are current with our membership with The Chester County Historical Society so our members can research various relevant topics. Currently Judy Haupt is doing research for Juneteenth and all Underground Railroad activities that happened in Uwchlan Township.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM by Acting Chair Art Meister.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Huffman

Secretary

For the Commission