

Uwchlan Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting May 11, 2023

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

Members present: Lee Wisdom, Ruth Osborn, Charlene Servian, Judy Haupt, Lou Paul, Elyse & Chuck Jackson, Holly Lopacki & Mike Huffman.

Members Excused: Teddi Wright

Members Absent: None.

Guests: No guests were present for the meeting.

Minutes of April 13, 2023 are amended as follows: Under Township Liaison Report that mentioned the proposed Amazon warehouse is changed to delete the word “Amazon” and instead should read “proposed warehouses on the ‘Downtown School District owned property that also contains historical structures’”. Elyse Jackson made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, motion was seconded by Ruth Osborn. Motion passed on a voice vote.

Chairs Report: Lee Wisdom Referenced “The Life and Times of the Struble Trail” walk and it was brought up that there was some stone damage on the mill itself and that hearth bricks were also out of place. Lee sent some pictures to Bruce Mckenney at township maintenance depicting the damage. Lee also brought up the idea that signage with information on the historic sawmill location on the Uwchlan Trail would be a great Boy Scout Eagle project. Cadwalader Displays for the upcoming scheduled open houses were discussed. Lee also made mention of Gene Pisasales book that is being released in June and that it contains information referencing Uwchlan Township. Lee had measured the Weaver’s Pond tree and found it to be approximately 20 feet in circumference. This tree is a” must” preserve that would be covered by the Historic Tree Ordinance that is being proposed. In addition, our proposed wording for the old Well at the former Vickers Tavern was forwarded to Alyson Zarro, solicitor, for the renovation project. Lee also informed the membership that she will not be in attendance for our June 2023 meeting and asked the Vice Chair, Chuck Jackson to Chair the meeting.

Vice Chairs Report: Chuck Jackson informed the membership that our office computer was updated with Office 365, and we will incur an annual fee of \$49.99 for this feature. Chuck also sent East Brandywine Township correct information about the Dowlin Forge to bring them up to date on this historic township resource.

Treasurer’s report – Ruth Osborn reported that The Historical Commission has had disbursements from our annual budget that total \$258.55 leaving the Historical Commission with a budget balance of \$2741.45. The petty cash fund stands at \$552.73.

Office Manager’s Report – The light fixture over the Cadwalader House front door needs to be repaired as it is constantly flickering on and off.

Township Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Publicity: Lou Paul brought up the idea of getting guest speakers for our scheduled open houses. The membership agreed that this is a worthwhile idea that needs to be further explored.

Planning Commission Liaison: Nothing to report.

Library: Lee Wisdom is continuing to file and re-organizing library articles and publications.

Open House Report: May 7th Open House: attendance: School House 3. guests
Cadwalader 3 guests.

New Business: Lou Paul has planned for our participation in the 2023 Uwchlan Township Community Day, more to follow.

Other Business: Nothing to report.

Next Meeting Thursday June 8, 2023, at the Cadwalader House 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 PM.by Chair Lee Wisdom.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Huffman
Secretary,
For the Commission