

Uwchlan Township Historical Commission
Minutes of Meeting August 11, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by the Vice Chair Art Meister.

Members present: Teddi Wright, Holly Lopacki, Judy Haupt, Lou Paul, Art Meister & Mike Huffman.

Members excused: Lee Wisdom, Patti Meister, Tash Kassam (Ex-Officio), Millie Haerberle (Ex-Officio), Rita Arlinghaus (Ex-Officio), Chuck Jackson (Ex-Officio), Elyse Jackson (Ex-Officio).

Members Absent: None

Guests: John T. Neilson & Amber Neilson representing “The Happy Days Farm” land development project.

Minutes of the July 8, 2021, Historical Commission meeting were approved as submitted. Lou Paul made motion to accept, motion 2nd by Holly Lopacki, voice vote approval followed.

Chairs Report: The vice Chair, Art Meister presented the Chairs report. Lee Wisdom reported that Carla and David Herkner donated \$40.00 to the Historical Commission. In addition, Lee reported that the vines covering the two buildings on the Downingtown School District Lionville Station Road property had been removed. Additionally, the one building needing to be wrapped was being taken care of by the School District. Lee also indicated that some area residents were not happy about Hankin demolishing the old barn on the Severn property although some of the materials from the barn (i.e., siding & windows) were used in the repair of the house and shed on the property per the Historical Commission recommendations. Lee also talked with Fran Pluchino concerning the Fetters/White school and took some pictures of the roof that needs replacement. Although the Historical Commission would like to see a metal or cedar roofing material the cost would be prohibitive for this project.

Vice Chair Report – Art Meister indicated that a new sign for the Edith P. Moore School House is in place. Cost for sign was \$120.00 dollars which will be taken out of petty cash.

Treasurer’s report – Holly Lopacki reported that the Current petty cash on hand is \$131.6 which includes the \$120.00 deduction for the Edith P. Moore School House sign. Current Township Historical Commission budget is \$3765.00 as of meeting date. We have not received a formal township budget report to date.

Office Managers Report: Lee Wisdom purchased the School House Street number (# 9) and installed it on the School House porch post. Lee also purchased the flag bracket which Mike Huffman installed on the other porch post. Lee took pictures of the School House problem area (i.e., Boys Outhouse, stucco and School House Craw space

opening”. Lee talked to Bruce McKenney about the Air Conditioner placement, and he indicated that the placement was OK. Bruce also indicated that the Cadwalader and School House A/C should be set to 73 degrees to keep the air circulating which will cut down on the musty smell. Kate Gillen updated our Historical Commission township page to include the Commissioners names.

Sub-Committee Reports:

Township Liaison Report: Nothing to report.

Publicity: Community Day is scheduled for August 21st.

Planning Commission Liaison: Nothing to report.

Library: Lee reported she helped Carla Herkner (of Anselma Mill) with research. Lee also searched library and found old pictures and other items which she placed in the display case for our scheduled Open Houses. Bruce McKenny purchased “A History of Dowlin Forge” book.

Open House 2021 Schedule: The next scheduled open houses will be on September 5th, October 3rd and November 7th.

Open House report for August 1, 2021, Cadwalader 10 and School House 10.

New Business: Ruth Osbourne, a prospective member will be at the UTHC September 9th meeting. Jay Erb, from the Chester County Parks Department has set the day for the “Trails Tour” for Sunday October 24th from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. Lee Wisdom would like to see at least 3 of our members participate. Art Meister suggested that we should have a goal of keeping \$350.00 in our petty cash fund.

Other Business: Uwchlan Community Day is on August 21st.

Next Meeting Thursday September 9th in person at the Cadwalader House 7:30 PM.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 PM. by Vice Chair Art Meister. Mike Huffman motion to adjourn, Lou Paul 2nd motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Huffman
Secretary, For the
For the Commission