

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
February 9, 2021 - Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Lower Makefield Historical Commission (HC) was held virtually via Zoom conferencing on Tuesday February 9th, 2021. Helen Heinz called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Those present: Helen Heinz, Chair
Becky Diamond, Secretary
Joe Camaratta, Treasurer

Financial - No bank account of our own, money held by the Township. Balance \$4667.90.

Minutes - Joe made a motion to approve the minutes. Becky seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report

- Community Funds and our yearly township budget are resolved.

Slate Hill Cemetery

- Since we have applied for installation of the State Marker near Mahlon Drive we may have some exceptional expenses this next year as we are responsible for installation. Perry Warren mentioned to get Jim Majewski to help.
- Need to decide what projects in Slate Hill cemetery are most important: 1) fix wall on north side, 2) clearing out northeast corner, 3) recutting old markers, surveying, etc. Great for a Scout project.
- Current application for funding was submitted on time and noted by the SHPO. We should hear results in early March.

Prickett Estate

- We have not met since our tour of the property.
- Still no details about the SHPO response, planned archaeology
- Helen suggested that Joe could call the PA national registry – would make the site more of a historical/tourist attraction. We've made it clear that it is an important site.
- Jim M. is interested in saving any cut stone that is found – we can use someplace else in the township.
- Joe mentioned the possibility of a Keystone grant. Helen will suggest to Jim.

Edgewood Village

- New proposal for the Troilio properties at "Edgewood Point," as well as the Stradlington Arms from the December and January HARB meeting.
- Townhouses backing up to Village Park. Developer will use Ishmael House for retail space and has increased proposed space at Biles Corner.
- Helen: Both plans have some merit, although may need tweaking, but is at least some progress, better than current state.

Website

- James has offered to revamp.
- HC members should look at current site and see what visuals we can add/revise.

- Email James about our background, interest/expertise and what we bring to the HC.
- Include mission statement– alert township about buildings in trouble, educate public, notify state of national register properties.
- Should include something about upcoming 250th anniversary celebration of George Washington’s crossing the Delaware.

Octagonal Schoolhouse

- Lobbying for state funding. Talk in township about condemning property.
- See if Steve Santiserio could talk to Weiner couple about donating property– perhaps through a Keystone grant?

Keystone Grants

- We should utilize skills within LMT to help out.
- Has been no direction from Board of Supervisors about what we should be working on – would be great to plan for GW anniversary.

Other Business

- Suzanne Blount is trying to form a new township group on properties—should we ask for representation?
- Joe mentioned doing a baseline survey – GIS listing of resources. There are relevant connections with black history and the canal.
- We need some PR to try to recruit more HC members

Meeting adjourned at 6 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Becky Diamond