

Lower Makefield Township Historical Commission

Meeting 7/10/2024

Meeting called to order at 7:35. Members present: Jeff, Mitch, Tom, Helen, Monica, making a quorum, Cathy serving as Chair, Suzanne as BOS representative, later joined by Victor, and Joe on zoom about an hour in.

Minutes of previous meeting approved Mitch making the motion, Tom seconded, unanimous by those who had attended.

Treasurer's report: Tom indicated almost no expenditures, bills due, so nothing new from last meeting.

Historic Resources Project report: Mitch stated there are 2 estimates, and in discussions with LMT manager an RFP (request for proposals) will go out soon, returns by September, and after further discussions and negotiations: one will be selected to begin in January.

Community Initiative Award discussion followed led by Tom, Monica, and Mitch who had gathered extensive research on vendors, accommodations by party vendors and caterers. Event will be Sept. 14 in late afternoon—an Ice Cream Social type event was the third option (of 3) preferred by the Commission as a whole. Cathy called the question extended by Jeff, seconded by Victor and others, approved unanimously.

Monica distributed initial plan for the 2024 Ghost Tour planned for 10/19. She suggested a new sub-committee start meeting to do more in depth planning. We reviewed Sunshine Law with Suzanne. Mitch suggested adding to the "stuff" we have to sell at the door—perhaps t-shirts, light sticks, etc.

Keystone Preservation Grant-our project for cemetery wall renewal. RFPs going out soon for review and selection of project contractor in the Fall. Victor is currently working on site measurement, condition of graves. Tom asked for approval of a container to place odd stones, footstones, random bits for the repair of stones, to protect them from further damage. Mitch motioned, several seconds, approved for Tom to purchase and install such a container. Joe zoom-joined meeting.

America 250 Celebration discussed. There are many voices requesting our help so which do we select? Suzanne suggested there is much time before we have to act on any of them, but our township's involvement will likely be pretty obvious. Mitch, Joe, and Helen are gathering LMT specific info and materials. Early articles in the local pennysavers are already planned and under assignment.

Demolition Ordinance—nothing new for this meeting, but we should be ready in September for feedback from HARB. We will then proceed.

Paterson Farm National Register nomination on hold for Helen, Wendy to coordinate and edit current rendition. Plan is to submit before years end.

Next meeting is August 14, 2024 at Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,

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