

Lower Makefield Township Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting: 04-09-2025

Members present at the meeting start or on Zoom at 7:32 p.m.: Cathy, Jim, Jeff, Dave, Helen, Mitch, Tom, Dawn. On Zoom: Victor, Joe, Monica.

First item: approval of previous minutes –motion to accept: Mitch, Jeff seconded, unanimous.

The regular agenda was started by Cathy. Tom reported his treasurer's report, showing archival supplies and equipment expenses. Dawn discussed. The report is attached. Discussion of Action items addressed at last meeting:

1. The implementation of the Historic Buildings enumeration has started. Jeff is working with Jeff Marshall and other volunteers on the list. Dave volunteered to help more. They are starting to take pictures and add them to PA shares.
2. Community engagement meeting/event to be planned. Dave Verdon will take on this project and coordinate a date with Jim M and notify the rest of the Commission when it is set.
3. Demolition Ordinance. Discussion tabled, --no progress yet. Endangered Property on River Road discussed, sale still pending. No action.
4. Township Archiving Project. Dawn talked about their progress, using Past Perfect system has a learning curve.
5. Monica and Cathy are still working to get the LIDAR map finalized.
6. Slate Hill Cemetery discussed. The Grant for the headstone repairs bids are due soon, and should be ready to go in June-early July. Spring Clean-up on May 3 took up much of the time discussing groups to be invited, presentation on the day, logistics with Tom, Jim, and Monica.
7. Patterson Farm nomination will be focused on by Joe starting in May when he finishes his classes.
8. America 250 has grant applications due early May. Mitch is heading up America 250 contacts with Helen & Jim--Discussion over developing a realistic re-enactment project for December of 2026 at Macclesfield Park, approval and support of BOS necessary. The "also proposed run/walk with troops" to the crossing may likely be taken up by the 250 group, centering on the W C Park. Our own Park & Rec Board could take action on that more local celebration earlier in the year, with local businesses as sponsors to pay costs and a timed course with prizes, etc. Decisions must be made soon. Helen made a motion to ask for that help with a grant, Dave seconded, and it was approved. Cathy stated Monica agreed to write a grant if there was a plan given, and that before we apply for a grant, we need to check in with the township, as there is a fiscal responsibility on

them. The 250-person group's next meeting will be at Washington Crossing State Park on May 22, 4:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn, Jeff, Dave seconded. Approved. Next meeting 5/14/2025 @ 7:30.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Helen Heinz