



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2010 MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 14, 2010 Time: 7 PM, Place: Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Carol Copeland- Chair, Karl Rolappe Secretary/Treasurer, Janet Hall- Board Member, and Dick Hall- Board Member.

Consultants: Roy Christman and Connie Bieling

Members Excused: -- Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Malcom Campbell- Board Member, Curt Beers- Board Member,

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	None	The Historical Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our veterans and military members currently defending it.
Approval of last month's Minutes:	Approved	Motion made by Carol Copeland to approve the minutes from 3/10/2010 seconded by Janet Hall. A.I.F.

<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Towamensing Times</p> <p>On Koch Bridge</p>	<p>Connie Bieling said she was saving all of the old newspapers to her PC. She said she would burn a CD or DVD once she has completed her work. She suggested it takes approximately 45 minutes to an hour to do one issue. Carol said we could add it to the Hist. Comm. data base upon completion.</p> <p>Dick Bieling had heard that there were several accidents there during a recent storm. It was suggested that they should take the turns out of the road by many and for quite some time. Carol stated that we already had these discussions with Ron Tirpak. Roy said it was highly unlikely anything more could be done to correct the road structure there because of the bureaucracy and surrounding private properties. Several of us on the Commission are frustrated that they will just go ahead and build a new bridge but leave the dangerous road conditions in place without further analysis.</p>	<p>No motion needed.</p>
<p>Old Business</p> <p>Resource list</p> <p>Index (sawmills)</p> <p>Koch Bridge update</p>	<p>Motion was made to add Rich Dorward (484) 464-5243 to the resource list</p> <p>There was a short discussion about sawmills which used to be operational within the township. Roy said the last ones which were operational occurred perhaps 20 or 30 years ago.</p> <p>The letter was expedited through the supervisors and sent out the week of March 17th. We are waiting for a response.</p>	<p>A.I.F. (added to file and e-mailed to members)</p>

Touger barn	Roy said he would call Mike Touger to discuss having the June meeting in his barn. Roy said we would need to put that in the paper announcing it. Roy also suggested that it would be a terrific idea to invite a couple of people who work on barns to come to that meeting if at all possible.	
Greenzweig one room school house update.	Several pictures were previously taken of Guy Seifert repairing the barn. Members passed them around during this meeting. Roy Christman stated that the Keuners are planning on selling the school whose new owner will be moving it out of the township. He also suggested that we put in a request to take care of the historic structures on the property once it's being developed.	
Aerial photos	Dick discussed some of his previous methods for taking aerial photography. Carol said she did hours of research on it and found the Ohio based company had a monopoly on it for our area.	
Interviews	Janet asked if we could have a digital camera made available to us through the township for photography on the interviews. Carol said we have a low budget so it's not really possible within that allowance for us to purchase one. Roy didn't think the township would make an allotment for one. Connie said they could be purchased for a modest amount of money. *Carol said she would like to see a couple of interviews completed per month.	
Berger interview	Carol said the Berger family was thrilled about their package which Carol delivered.	

Zoning officer notified	Tom Newman emailed Christine Meinhart our inventory list to keep her posted on Historical structures that require permits for demolition.	
New Business:		
Updating the index	Roy Christman suggested that we set a specific time and date annually to go over the index of historical sites and update it... It's required by township policy.(I.e to remove structures which have been demolished from the list). There was much discussion regarding this topic. Roy also suggested that we keep a record of the structures that were demolished. Dick Hall and Roy Christman were slated to review the inventory list and provide the commission with any changes at the next historic commission meeting. It was decided that once we approve the changes we can clear it with the supervisors.	A.I.F. A.I.F.
Resources subcommittee formed	Carol Copeland made a motion to have Dick Bieling and Malcom Campbell handle the duties of this committee in assisting owners with help gaining resources. Seconded by Karl Rolappe.	
Interview Training	Carol mentioned we were going to have a training session for our newest volunteers after the meeting. However illness amongst the trainees required a delay.	Rescheduled
Officials:		
Special thanks	Members would like to thank Dick Bieling and Guy Seifert for their ongoing support of the Commission.	
Presentation	JC Woodworking will be coming to the Historical commission meeting for a presentation on May12th.	

Library	Janet has been making great progress in bringing the catalogue system for files into order.	A.I.F.
Towamensing Fire Company Festival Booth	We decided to man the booth again this year shared with the Kibler school committee contingent on their approval.	
Pennsylvania Heritage and museum committee	Roy Christman mentioned this was a very interesting conference we could attend between May 18 th and 20 th for a \$40.00 fee. See Roy for information.	
Adjournment	None	Motion made by Carol Copeland to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Karl Rolappe A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm