



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2010 MEETING MINUTES

Date: Aug 10, 2010 Time: 7 PM, Place: Township building-Stable Road

Members Present: Carol Copeland- Chair, Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Karl Rolappe Secretary/Treasurer, Malcom Campbell- Board member, Curt Beers- Board member,

Consultants: Connie Bieling, Roy Christman Members Excused: - Paul Hoppel

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:	Motion to approve the minutes from July 13, 2010 made by Malcolm Campbell, seconded by Tom Newman.	A.I.F.
<p>Public Participation</p> <p>Visitors: Ralph and Betty Weil Dick Bieling Mary Beth Beers</p> <p>Mary Beth Beers</p> <p>Interviews:</p> <p>885 Station St. ,480 Beers Lane, 1200 Spruce Hollow Road</p>	<p>Mary Beth Beers announced that there would be a reunion of the Franklin Township One room school house. Long run, Walcksville, Big Creek, Indian Hill, Harrity and Wagner elementary schools included. The reunion will be held in October. She also showed us a nice throw with a local map on it which is for sale through the Palmerton Historical society.</p>	

<p>8120 Pohopoco Drive, 1535 Strohls Valley Rd</p> <p>Interviews to follow up on:</p> <p>Tom Bartholomew</p> <p>Lloyd Bollinger</p> <p>Interview training</p>	<p>All completed – 885 Delivered</p> <p>In progress</p> <p>He has knowledge about Babe (Rubin) Haydt’s farm on Trachsville Hill road which was owned by Samuel Bartholomew.</p> <p>Has info and pictures from old amusement parks. Ralph and Betty to follow up.</p> <p>Carol said she set up an interview training session at Lora’s house and invited everyone who was interested in learning how to do a historical interview to attend.</p>	
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Old Business		
Koch Bridge	Curt noted that some work was recently done at the site.	
Touger Barn	Carol said she got a DVD copy from Blue Ridge	
	Communications from our barn meeting. She said she would submit the bill. Carol also mentioned that she recently did a very thorough interview with Dr. Touger. He mentioned that he would be willing to let us help him dig out his dump site. There was much discussion about this topic and what may be the best way to handle it.	
Community preservation value surveys		
Bill Berger Chicken coop	Several more of these were handed out.	
	He is still looking for help to clean out and take the building down. Dick Bieling mentioned not to do too many "walk throughs" as it is very dangerous. Much discussion about this and on-going. Dick Bieling and Malcolm Campbell are assigned to contact more resources and coordinate contractors to meet with Bill Berger.	
Donna Kunkle Barn		
Towamensing Township fundraiser booth	Members noted that the roof was in bad shape. We need to gather more resources such as slate roofers to pass along.	
	Future improvements were discussed such as appearance and also what we could do to make it more appealing to the general public.	

<p>New Business:</p> <p>New Commission member added</p> <p>New Resource</p> <p>Wild Creek Reservoir Historical marker</p>	<p>Tom Newman nominated Dick Bieling for the open seat on the Historical Commission. Seconded by Karl Rolappe.</p> <p>Rocky Ahner- Follow up needed, please see Paul Hoppel at next meeting.</p> <p>Carol sent a resource list to Herman Smale at 860 Stagecoach Rd.</p>	<p>A.I.F. Welcome aboard Dick!</p> <p>Karl will make this request in person once we knew what procedure to follow.</p>
<p>Officials:</p> <p>Carol Copeland on "The Strohs"</p> <p>Curt Beers</p>	<p>Carol Copeland received a phone call from Walter Strohl looking for assistance from our commission. He was searching ancestry.com to find out his family tree and found family roots going back to our township. His distant relatives were Daniel and Peter Strohl. If we find a connection while out interviewing residents, let Carol know and she will contact Walter Strohl to connect the family members. Tom Newman suggested they could go through the Carbon County Court house tax records for a list of all the Strohs.</p> <p>Curt let us know that one of our former officers and friend, Dick Hall, was in a serious motor vehicle accident recently. Carol said she would bring a card to the next meeting so we could all sign it. Our thoughts and prayers are with him.</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Motion made by Tom Newman</p>	<p>A.I.F. meeting adjourned at</p>

	to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Malcom Campbell.	8:25 pm
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