



# TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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## 2010 MEETING MINUTES

Date: December 14, 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, Dick Bieling- Board Member

Consultants: Connie Bieling, Roy Christman

Members Excused: - Paul Hoppel- Board member, Elise Binder- Alternate 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:	Two separate motions to approve the minutes from October 12, 2010 and November 9, 2010 made by Malcom Campbell, were seconded by Dick Bieling.	A.I.F.

<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>Ralph and Betty Weil</p> <p>Mary Beth Beers</p> <p><b>Interviews:</b></p> <p>*Don Laine Campground *Rick and Billy Jo Moyer *Aleen Zacharias</p> <p>Discussion</p> <p>Training</p>	<p>Participated on several topics listed in minutes</p> <p>Mary Beth suggested we should acknowledge people within the township with a nice letter for doing renovations which restore the historical beauty of an old structure. She also participated on several topics.</p> <p>These folks would all like to be interviewed about their properties and valuable historical information.</p> <p>We had a brief discussion about the process of interviewing. Several experiences and suggestions were made By Tom and Carol.</p> <p>The training session for Elise Binder will be tabled for next month</p>	
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<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <p>Koch Bridge</p> <p>Touger Barn Video</p> <p>Archives</p> <p>Dave Huszar</p> <p>Bill Berger Chicken coop</p>	<p>Continue to check with Tom for further updates.</p> <p>Dr Touger could not get it to work on his computer. Karl suggested he would bring in his computer which plays DVDs</p> <p>Carol said they went through a lot of very interesting things already such as the beginning of highways and telephones, Beltzville Dam coming in, etc. She said she would like to call it "phase one" to put some kind of marker on where they are in regards to level of work completed. There was much discussion on this subject amongst members, consultants, volunteers and public participants which also included preservation of documents. A future appointment was scheduled to work on the archives.</p> <p>Dave gave us a really nice poster and some great pictures. Carol worked on it, blew them up, gave it to Ralph and he delivered the package from the Commission.</p> <p>Dick Bieling went to visit with Mr. Berger. He met him at his store (Trachsville- Agway) and gave him the resource list. He told Dick someone is supposed to help him with the building but he hasn't been reached on it yet. He also told Dick that his son has some things in the coop. Bill told him he might want to enlist the help of an auctioneer... He liked that thought. Dick left his name, address and phone number with him to follow up if he's interested in talking.</p>	<p>Scheduled for 10:00 am Wednesday the 19th</p>
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Lloyd Bollinger	Ralph and Betty will follow up after new year to try and get some pictures and video of the old amusement parks.	A.I.F.
Tom Bartholemew	Carol asked Malcom and Curt to see if we could get an interview with him. Carol offered to help with the process.	
Wild Creek Reservoir	Need to contact Bethlehem Water Authority. Karl promised more updates in the coming meetings about this and the process/expense.	
Towamensing Township Village Fest	Chris Opresko will be blacksmithing at the Village Fest this year.	
Craft fair	Carol said she recruited new volunteers Toni Darwin and Wendy Dreyer at the fair. They helped with archive work. She also thanked everyone who participated with the booth. She suggested we do it again next year.	
<b>New Business:</b>		
New Resources	Karl added two new contacts to the resource list. Mike Barbosa referred Scott Wanamaker who is a slate roofer and Roy found some information about restoration options for owners who are considering donating their barns. Lora Homeyer being the contact for the "Wieder History Group" See the Resource list for further information'	
Budget	Supervisors approved \$500.00 additional funding to our budget for 2011- bringing the total to \$1000.00	

<p><b>Officials:</b></p> <p>Dick Bieling</p> <p>New meeting time slot</p> <p>Special Thanks</p>	<p>Dick suggested that business cards would be a great idea to leave with residents when we are out interviewing to be a bit more official. Tom said we have Towamensing Township business cards that we could use and just put our names on.</p> <p>There was a discussion about changing the meeting time to better accommodate several of our member's and consultant's schedules. Motion made by Karl Rolappe to move the meetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month. Seconded by Curt Beers</p> <p>On behalf of the Historical Commission I would like to thank our Towamensing Township Supervisors for increasing our funding for the new year. We are all excited about the work we have completed in 2009 and '10 and are all looking forward to even greater accomplishments in the coming months and years.</p>	<p>A.I.F.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Motion made by Malcom Campbell to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Curt Beers.</p>	<p>A.I.F. meeting adjourned at 8:05pm</p>