



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

2010 MEETING MINUTES

Date: March 10, 2010 Time: 7 PM, Place: Township Municipal Building

Members Present: Carol Copeland- Chair, Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Karl Rolappe Secretary/Treasurer, Malcom Campbell- Board Member, Curt Beers- Board Member, Janet Hall- Board Member, and Dick Hall- Board Member.

Consultants: Roy Christman and Connie Bieling

Members Excused: --

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 who defend it.
Approval of last month's Minutes:	Approved	Motion made by Tom Newman to approve the minutes from 1/13/2010 (Feb. meeting- snowed out), seconded by Dick Hall. A.I.F.
Public Participation	<p>*Mary Beth Beers from the Palmerton Historical Society gave us a seminar on how to properly store and preserve historical artifacts.</p> <p>*Connie Bieling brought to our attention an article where another township got into a situation. They purchased a very expensive property for its historical relevance years ago and were then liable through their own doctrine for hundreds of thousands in up-keep dollars.</p>	No motion needed.

Old Business:		
Resource List	<p>*Carol Copeland suggested we add Hubert Debski to the resource list. Carol sent the list to Karl and he will keep it updated.</p>	A.I.F. (added to file)
	<p>*Roy Christman suggested we add Lester Wentz, a gentleman who understands Amish Barn restoration, to the list</p>	A.I.F. (added to file)
Koch Bridge	<p>Roy spoke about the Feb. 9th meeting in which the County engineer Ron Tirpak told us about a few things we can ask for regarding new construction of the Koch bridge. Several aesthetic options were discussed. Such as installing guard rails which will allow travelers to view the creek and “fake stone” concrete forms to add beauty to the outer faces of the bridge arches. Roy explained the process for drafting the new letter from Carol Copeland to the County Commissioners regarding our request for these upgrades to the bridge. It must be approved by the Historical commission and then by the supervisors. Ron Tirpak should be copied as well. There was much discussion amongst the members about the method of improving the letter and getting it out asap so as not to delay the construction any further.</p>	<p>Motion was made to approve this letter by Carol Copeland and seconded by Karl Rolappe. A.I.F.</p>
Mike Tougers Barn	<p>Further discussion on having a barn meeting in Mr. Touger’s barn on Beers lane was discussed. General consensus was to consider it during the warmer months.</p>	Tabled for further discussion.
Aerial Photos	<p>Roy gave Carol a website address for the Penn State site which took such photography of our area. www.data.cei.psu.edu/pennpilot</p>	

<p>Ethics forms</p> <p>Completed Interviews</p> <p>Historical Photos</p>	<p>Forms were turned in to Lora Nothstein for the State's Ethical Commission.</p> <p>*Pam Lethbridge Black bear circle *Dwight Eisenhower 635 W Stagecoach *Robert Carter 635 W Stagecoach Road *Kerry Paules 1910 Summer mountain road *The Hahns 2025 Summer mountain road *Bill Berger 240 Stable Road *UCC Church- Trachsville, Pa. *Bruce Nothstein 1145 Station street *Ziegenfus 2065 Strohl Valley Road *The Halls 55 Raymond Street *Carol Copeland 445 Strohl's Valley Rd.</p> <p>Malcom Campbell brought in an old picture of ice below the crest of the Beltzville dam. It was added to the website.</p>	
<p>New Business:</p> <p>Interview Format</p> <p>New Zoning officer</p>	<p>*Carol Copeland improved the format on the interview report form. She discussed the benefits of converting everything to the pdf format. Connie Bieling made several good suggestions regarding this subject in past meetings.</p> <p>It was discussed that our new zoning officer needs to be aware I.e.-by bulletin etc. of our ordinance as it relates to seeking permits for demolishing Historical structures.</p>	<p>A.I.F.</p>
<p>Officials:</p> <p>Greenzweig One room schoolhouse</p>	<p>*Historical Commission members would like to thank Guy Seifert for securing the Greenzweig One room school house's broken window. Guy brought his bucket truck and made the repair on his own.</p>	

<p>Additional Special Thanks</p>	<p>*We would like to thank Dick and Janet Hall for the wonderful job they are doing with the interview process.</p> <p>*We would also like to thank Larry Skaggs for his contributions in helping with our efficiency regarding data storage.</p> <p>*We would also like to welcome aboard our new volunteers Lora Nothstein, Jillyann Sterling, Ralph Weil and Betty Weil</p>	
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Motion made by Tom Newman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Janet Hall. A.I.F. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm</p>