

## MINUTES WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting  
Thursday, March 3, 2022

The meeting was held at the township building on Thursday, March 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.  
**In attendance:** Betty Davis, Jane DelBianco, Mary Lee Johnson, Beverly Wilson, and Jane Magne, virtually.

Betty Davis, Commission Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. The Minutes from the February 3, 2022 meeting were read by Beverly Wilson, Secretary. Minutes approved as read. Jane DelBianco, Treasurer, gave The **Treasurer's Report**. Supply Budget Balance: \$1,000.00. Savings Account Balance as of March 3, 2022: \$8,112.05.

**Old Business:** The Chamber of Commerce has an annual Walking Tour in Wrightstown Township. They have selected Wycombe for the tour in the Fall of 2022. Today, Betty talked to Phil Getty (215-499-1212) from The Chamber of Commerce about two activities: A Sunday walk-around-town with groups of ten and a guided tour. Mutual - Thursday evening- Church or Fire House, 6-8:00, or 7-9:00. Several talks, perhaps Jeff Marshall, Mike Sileggi, speakers. A trolley talk is needed too. A suggestion - Anybody in Wycombe willing to host an Open House at their home? Betty said, from prior experience, this is not likely; perhaps a group of ten people. We will think about that possibility.

Mary Lee reported that she tried to get books about Wycombe from Mary Ann Sircely, (son, Matt) . "Historic Wycombe." Unfortunately, there was no response to Mary Lee's request. Phone: 360-376-3832. Friday, Harbor Washington East Sound, WA 2. McNallie 98245. Orcas Island - North of Seattle.

**New Business:** Betty read aloud a recent newspaper article about our commission member, Abby O'Keeffe, and her activities at her farm. The article was very positive, informative, and we found it fascinating.

Betty also reported that this week on Monday, masks will no longer be required for children in Council Rock School District.

Mary Lee has many notices going out to publications about our Schoolhouse Open House in May. Bucks County "Herald," Bucks County "Courier Times," Bucks County "Intelligencer," "Lifestyle Publication," "City and Uptight Suburbanite."

Joe Pantano reported that he has called PennDot and requested a two-rail fence for the schoolhouse grounds. He is trying to get PennDot to get parking available by May for the Open House. There is no room or entrance available where we usually park

Betty reported that Chase Palmer wrote an article about postcards and the original negatives used for them. In the late 1890's - 1912 negatives were used.

We are sorry to hear about the death, on February 3, 2022 of John E. Quarles, Sr., age 93, who, with his family, has lived in the township for many years. His late wife Ethel Hopkins Quarles, a member of the Hopkins family, had an interesting heritage. She was part African-American and part Cherokee. They were married for 68 years. We have a copy of their obituaries and a 2009 interview with Jane Magne and Bev and Bart Wilson in our files.

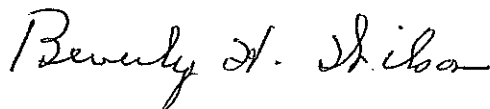
We discussed Rachel Twining, the School Mistress at the Octagonal School. She had Summer and Winter sessions, six months of Summer in 1826. Rachel was 30 when she became a teacher; she never married.

A suggestion was made that we ask our member, Karl Niederer, to design and create a nice copy of the **Township Timeline**, which we have compiled. We would provide one copy to the schoolhouse and one to the township building.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

**The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 7, 2022, 1:00 p.m. at the Township Building.**

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly H. Wilson, Secretary