

## MINUTES WRIGHTSTOWN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting

Thursday, October 6, 2022

The meeting was held in The Meeting Room at the township building on Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 1:15 p.m.

**In attendance:** Betty Davis, Mary Lee Johnson, Karl Niederer, Jane Magne, Abby O’Keeffe, and Beverly Wilson.

Betty Davis, Commission Chairman, opened the meeting at 1:05 p.m. Beverly Wilson, Secretary, read the September 1 Minutes, which were approved as read.

**Old Business: Karl gave a report about Township Roads - He contacted PennDot Manager, Jack Horgan, Administrator.** They were talking about the finalization of the road work at the Schoolhouse intersection. Betty copied the report. **Karl will email a copy of the report to Bev, for inclusion in the October 6, 2022 Historical Commission Minutes.** Karl was told that no signage will be paid for by PennDot; the township has to pay for it. We talked about the current parking difficulty.

**Betty called Mr. Getty about the Bucks County Chamber of Commerce scheduled tour of towns, primarily Wycombe. The decision has been made to tour New Hope, instead of Wycombe. A tour of Dublin has already taken place.**

**The September Schoolhouse Open House was canceled, due to the PennDot road construction at the corner. Also, The Red Hat tour was canceled. They expect to wait until November. We have received permission to extend our open houses to include November 20 this year, before Thanksgiving. We are optimistic that the October Open House will be held. Karl will be available for the 1:00 shift on Sunday, October 16, along with Mary Lee. Bev expects to be available for the 3:00 -5:00 shift, as will Betty. Betty and Karl have been getting calls from people inquiring “When is it open?”**

**Betty will proceed with her intention to speak to Jeff Marshall about helping us get the village of Rushland on the National Historic Register.**

We scheduled a Mud Road cleanup for Wednesday, October 12th, 1:00 p.m.

**Abby discussed the planting effects for Spring for the Schoolhouse** - planters, their type, as well as what flowers, benches for people to sit outside etc. We agree on Chrysanthemums for October. Mary Lee, who will be at the first shift, has offered to handle refreshments for the October Open House. Gino's, a Nursery in native plants on 2nd Street Pike, is the place to go for flowers. Abby will attempt to have more information for our November 3rd Commission meeting. PennDot is currently replacing the fencing in L Shape along 2nd Street Pike.

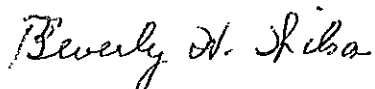
**New Business: Karl discussed the possibility of producing a brochure about important facets of history in our township. The topics suggested follow:**

- The Walking Purchase \*\*
  - Transportation
  - Agricultural History
  - Octagonal Schoolhouse \*\*
  - History of Wrightstown Township
  - Schools - Development of Public Schools
  - Bridges - Covered bridges etc. -Transportation
  - Artists
  - Historic Plantings at the Octagonal Schoolhouse
- \*\* Primary Importance

**Abby has been doing research about Historic Districts and Grants.** In August or September of 2021, Josh Brems, Chief of Operations with Ivyland Railroad, discussed with Abby the possibility of ACCESS TO THE RAILROAD'S PHYSICAL ARCHIVE AND RENOVATIONS TO the Rushland Train Station.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, November 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

Respectfully submitted,



Beverly H. Wilson, Secretary

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