



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes:

Date: April 28, 2011 **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building- Stable Road

Members Present: Karl Rolappe- Chair, Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Dick Bieling- Secretary/Treasurer, Paul Hoppel- Member, Carol Copeland- Member, Elise Binder- Member, Roy Christman- Consultant.

Excused: Malcolm Campbell- Member, Connie Bieling- Consultant.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag		The Historical Commission began with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence to honor the USA's servicemen and women.
Moment of Silence in remembrance of member Curt Beers		The Historical Commission had a moment of silence to remember Curt Beers, a Commission member who recently passed away.
Approval of March 24, 2011 Minutes:	Approved	Motion made by Tom Newman to approve the minutes from 3/24/2011, seconded by Paul Hoppel, A.I.F.

<p>Public Participation</p>	<p>Roy Christman suggested that the Historical Commission or the Township could give an annual reward to a township resident who has done the most for historic preservation. Not sure what reward could be, possibly a certificate. Karl suggested a get-together of the commission as was done for Touger's barn. Tom Newman concurred with this. Roy suggested that members bring names of people who have performed restoration to the next meeting and could qualify for the award and a selection from that group of names could be made by the commission to set up a visit, as was done with the "barn meeting." Karl agreed that this was a good idea. Tom suggested wood plaque for the award for the recipient that could be hung in their house.</p>	<p>Tom Newman made a motion to start the "award process." Dick Bieling seconded the motion. A.I.F.</p>
<p>Old Business: Interview Training</p> <p>Interviews</p>	<p>Karl mentioned that we need to set up interview sessions as going out and gathering data is our primary objective. Members with experience can train people new to the work.</p> <p>Robert Rex – He is available to be interviewed, that Wednesday, Thursday or Friday after 3:30 p.m. His property is located on Lakeside Drive.</p> <p>Marjorie Meinhart was contacted and she is ready to be interviewed.</p>	<p>So noted.</p> <p>Thursday was selected. There is a list available of questions that are helpful to ask. Carol has the list or it is in the archives file.</p> <p>Karl will set up an appointment to do the interview. Roy is interested in going with Karl.</p>

<p>Wild Creek Reservoir regarding a historic marker for the reservoir</p> <p>Township Archives</p>	<p>Roy has not heard from them since he attended their local meeting. Need to speak to those “higher up the chain of command” and go to their meeting in Bethlehem. Mike Panella is the local person. The project of the historical plaque will be tabled for now. Tom stated that Mike Panella showed him some of the historic items stored at the reservoir including a large aerial photo of the area before construction was started. Tom stated there are many requirements that need to be met and procedures followed before a historic plaque can be mounted on the bridge.</p> <p>Karl stated that there are only a few boxes – the history of the Supervisors to review yet, and that all boxes in the township meeting room must be returned to storage before Primary Election Day, Tuesday, May 17th. Carol will be on vacation, and will be back on this when she returns. She will send e-mails to all volunteers working on the archives stating the time and date when work will resume.</p>	<p>So noted.</p> <p>So noted.</p>
<p>New Business:</p> <p>3220 Stagecoach Road West,</p>	<p>BillieJo Moyer contacted the historical commission, she needs assistance on restoring their barn. Karl gave her a copy of the resource list and copies of information from Roy Christman. The commission is not empowered for grant writing, but she could attempt it herself. Tom stated the Lora Nothstein the township secretary had attended a meeting about grant writing at the PSATS</p>	<p>So noted.</p>

<p>Officials: Village Fest July 8 & 9, 2011</p> <p>Curt Beers</p> <p>Adjournment:</p>	<p>convention possibly could help. Also, it was stated that the mayor of Weisport knows how to write for grants and would be glad to help us. Roy Christman stated that it is not possible to get grants for work on private property. Billie Jo was given information about possible tax breaks.</p> <p>Chris Opresko- blacksmith, will be bringing his display to the festival. We are waiting to hear from the Fire company with regard to safety in locating the historic commission booths. They should be downwind from the other booths.</p> <p>Curt Beers passed away on April 21, 2011. He was one of the original founders of the Historical Commission, Towamensing township. The Historical Commission is sending our sympathies to his wife Marybeth Beers.</p> <p>Motion made to adjourn the meeting by Tom Newman, seconded by Paul Hoppel.</p>	<p>So noted.</p> <p>So noted.</p> <p>A.I.F, Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.</p>
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