



TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes:

Date: February 24, 2011 **Time:** 7 PM, **Place:** Township Municipal Building- Stable Road

Members Present: Karl Rolappe- Chair, Dick Bieling- Secretary-Treasurer, Malcolm Campbell- Member, Paul Hoppel- Member, Carol Copeland- Member, Consultant: Roy Christman

Excused: Tom Newman- Vice Chair, Curt Beers- 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.
Approval of last month's Minutes:	Approved	Motion made by Malcom Campbell to approve the minutes from 1/27/2011, seconded by Carol Copeland, A.I.F.
Public Participation	None	None

Old Business:		
Business Cards	Carol Copeland stated that she can get more of the generic historic commission business cards given out last month if anyone needs them.	. So noted. .
Interview Training	Training sessions need to be set up. Getting interviews is the primary focus of the historical commission. More volunteers are needed. "Rex" interview is in the planning stage, Paul Hoppel asked to be included.	So noted.
Bill Berger chicken coop demolition	Karl Rolappe didn't know if it should be removed at this point. Dick Bieling had given Bill Berger a list of resources for contractors. Dick asked if there were any auctioneers on the list that could help. He recommended Dean Arner and Houser. Karl recommended that they be added to the resource list.	Dick needs to contact the auctioneers to see if they would like to be on the resource list.
Ralph & Betty Weil re Old Amusement Park in township	Dave Huszar supposedly got pictures last year.	They report no pictures available.
Interview of Tom Bartholomew	Malcolm Campbell and Dick Bieling need to do this.	So noted.
Historic Marker for Wild Creek Reservoir	The Historic Commission sent a letter to the Bethlehem Water Authority regarding a historical marker and it was returned Roy Christman will hand deliver the letter.	So noted.
Channel 13 video on Touger Barn	Viewed at the meeting	So noted.

New Business:		
Township Archives	<p>Volunteers met twice since last Historical Commission meeting. So far, copies of all ordinances have been found. Now going through the first minutes book, as well as making list of Supervisors from the beginning of the township to the present. Next will be gathering historical information on the Planning commission and Engineering in the township.</p> <p>Carol Copeland would like to put a scrapbook together for the Village Fest in July covering the interesting items discovered so far. This very old material (1910-1930) was in an old trunk in the attic. Supervisor Rodney George found it and brought it down into the township building for the volunteers. Carol suggested that another project would be to restore the old trunk in which all of the old material was found.</p> <p>Mary Beth Beers who has experience in preserving old documents was unable to attend the sessions with the volunteers. Tony Darwin said she would be willing to help as she has a background and interest in searching historical data. Wendy Dreyer is also interested, but may not be able to help as she is working full time right now.</p>	So noted.
Koch Bridge	<p>Roy Christman stated that Al Zagovsky has an article of the Koch bridge in his online Carbon County Magazine. Roy also stated that the new bridge will be an "arched" bridge, and have guard rails on the side which will allow people to see the Wild Creek as they go over the bridge. Roy suggested a letter be sent to Carbon Engineering thanking them for listening to the Historical Commission's wishes. This letter needs to also be approved by the supervisors.</p>	Motion made by Carol Copeland to write the letter to Carbon Engineering, seconded by Malcom Campbell. A.I.F.

Village Fest	Discussion regarding township map which locates historic points in the township. Question about having the map laminated because it is handled at the festival, and potential for water damage..	Motion made by Malcom Campbell to laminate the map. Seconded by Carol Copeland. A.I.F.
Adjournment:	Motion made to adjourn meeting by Carol Copeland, seconded by Paul Hoppel.	A.I.F, Meeting adjourned at 7:57p.m.