

Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

1/20/09

In Attendance: Lloyd Roach, Al Bush, Mark Gross, Scott Garrison, Donna Landon, Will Snook, Betty Organt, Ed Zaloga

325th Anniversary of Birmingham Township:

Dates: Aug. 29 with Sept. 26 rain date

Lloyd Roach: Power point presentation from the Planning Commission presented to the Board of Supervisors on 1/19/09 - Lloyd will get a copy and send it out to historical commission members. The Planning commission will need help from many volunteers. It is proposed that a stretch of Birmingham road starting at Sandy Hollow Park be closed for the celebration.

Will Snook: Commemorative license plates idea.

Al Bush: Commemorative vases have been suggested.

One year from now:

Al Bush shared some ideas about the Historical Commission one year from now:

Inventory of Historic buildings, homes and sites completed.

Artifact Collection display in the township building.

Wall of History in township building.

Monument at Sandy Hollow

Township History

Mark Gross: Approach History Department of West Chester University about a research project for a graduate student on the history of Birmingham Township.

Betty Organt: Utilize student resources at Hilltop academy for a research project on the history of Birmingham Township

Al Bush: Martha Wolf and Nancy Webster are great resources

Selection of Officers of the Historical Commission as follows:

Chairman: Lloyd Roach

Vice-Chairman: Mark Gross

HARB liaison: Scott Garrison

Secretary: Donna Landon

Inventory of Historic buildings, homes and sites

Al Bush: Explanation of classification of historic resources:

Class I: Historic buildings, homes, sites, etc. listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Class II: Historic buildings, homes, sites, etc. included in the Cultural Resources Plan Inventory

Class III: Historically significant buildings, homes, sites, etc. not included in National Register or Cultural Resources.

Resources for the inventory:

Birmingham Township Cultural Resources Plan Inventory

1984 Birmingham township book

Milner Architects book – Lloyd will talk to Quinna Nelling about getting the inventory in electronic form from the architects - this would make it easier to work with the information.

Request input from community via the township newsletter – next issue in or around June.

Meetings for the Historical Commission are scheduled on the 4th Tuesday of each month with the exception of May. Meetings will be open to the public. The following are the dates for 2009:

Feb. 24

March 24

April 28

June 23

July 28

August 25

September 22

October 27

November 24

December 22

Other ideas:

Since there is no budget for this year money for projects would be requested from the Board of Supervisors. Grant money may be available for some projects – Quinna Nelling is good resource about this.

Driving tour of township with markers at points of interest – Verizon audio service to accompany tour.

Catalogue resources on township history for potential library or for Chester County Historical Society

Donna Landon