

**LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP**

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

June 1, 2023

Meeting

6:00 PM

- I. Call Meeting to Order
  - a. Welcome the audience
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Meet State Rep Justin Fleming (Pending)
- IV. Business Meeting
  - a. Approval of April and May meeting minutes
- V. Old Business
  - a. Discuss Joseph Wenrich presentation promotion
  - b. August presentation will be Hunters and Anglers discuss advertising
  - c. Large projects and new employee (Michelle Community Engagement Coordinator) – metal detecting – museum day
  - d. Update on YouTube – Bob Thomas
  - e. Table at Independence Weekend July 2, 1:30 – 3:00
  - f. Set date to work on archives
- VI. New Business
  - a. Sign at Newside
  - b. Shoops tour / presentation
  - c. Apply for Archival Records Grant
- VII. Committee member comments
- VIII. Public comment
- IX. Adjournment

## **LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION (LPTHC)**

**June 1, 2023 at 6pm**

### **Meeting Minutes**

The LPTHC meeting for June 1, 2023 was called to order by Dave Doyle at 6pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Bob Thomas. Everyone was present from the Commission including Amanda Zerbe, Liaison for BOS, Eric Kessler and Michelle, the new Community Engagement Coordinator. Michelle told us a little about herself and gave suggestions on how to better inform the public on upcoming presentations, and other recommendations for other issues. The minutes for April and May were motioned for approval by Denise Deimler and seconded by Don Goss. They were then approved by everyone on the Commission.

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

##### **a. Joseph Wenrich presentation**

Don Goss and Sarah Greene will get promotion information out with the date, time and address of the Municipal Building. Dave Doyle is going to check with the Harrisburg Civil War Museum about posting future meetings in their newsletter and store. Don Goss said that he has 52 slides in his presentation for July. Michelle mentioned that children who are home schooled must do a certain project and a woman connected to this program is sending out word about the July presentation, and will do the same for future presentations. Don's presentation is July 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Municipal Building on 425 Prince Street.

##### **b. Hunter's and Angler's presentation in August**

This presentation is scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. The presenter will be Jerry Dougherty, current President. Dave is getting patches from gun and archery competitions for our collection table which will be set-up during the meeting. It was suggested to use old photos of the Club for a poster as promotion for the presentation.

##### **c. Large projects – metal detecting and museum day**

Discussion on metal detecting was first. October and/or November were suggested as good times to do this project. Dave would like to involve the St. Thomas Boy Scout Troop in this project as a "test" group. Museum day was discussed and it was suggested that a possible date might be set for early Fall, in September or October.

##### **d. Update on YouTube – Bob Thomas**

Sarah Greene figured out the password to get into the YouTube site so that some editing could be done on presentations. Dave will ask Joanne Murphy if she could go through the presentations on YouTube and edit out the meeting sections on each one.

##### **e. Table at Independence Weekend, July 2, 1:30 to 3pm at Heroes Grove**

The LPTHC will have a table set up with sign-up sheets for our email list, stories from public, contact numbers and so on. Hand-outs will be available as well as, possibly, post cards. There will also be a table with some of the Commission collection available for perusal by the public. Volunteers to be at our table from 11am to 1:30pm are Pam Valencia, Dave Doyle, Jay Purdy and Sarah Greene. Set-up of the canopy will be at 10:30am. A donation jar will also be available on the table.

**f. Set date to work on archived materials in collection**

It was decided to use our August 10<sup>th</sup> Business meeting as a "Closet Clean-up" meeting at 6pm.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Sign at Newside Cemetery**

It was suggested that a sign be put at the Newside Cemetery similar to the one at Heroes Grove. Bob, Dave and Denise will research the names on the headstones which date back to the French and Indian War, and the Revolutionary War. The plaque currently in the cemetery was donated, and unveiled on June 19, 1924, by the Harrisburg Chapter of the Daughter's of the American Revolution (DAR). This cemetery is owned by the Township and a Cemetery expert was brought in and found that one of the headstones is made of a very unusual material.

**b. Shoop's tour/presentation**

There is no date set for this presentation as yet. It was mentioned that there is a Sheesley, Hain and Crum connection to this cemetery which is next to I83.

**c. Apply for an Archival Records Grant**

This grant must be filed by August 31<sup>st</sup> of this year. Sarah will help fill out the paper work and Dave will sign it for the Commission. The grant is for \$5,000 which can be used for more materials and so on for our collection.

**VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Bob Thomas announced that the Taste of Linglestown will be September 30<sup>th</sup> from 2 to 5pm. Dave would like a table set-up for the Historical Commission. August 1<sup>st</sup> is the Safety Night Out event and the Commission will have a table set-up at that event also. Dave will look into having the table moved away from the Radio Station table at this event. We will have future meeting/presentation information available.

Kristy Kessler suggested that a table be put out at every public meeting with things from the LPTHHC collection and members collection(s) set-up on said table. She also found out that the Fackler Cemetery is on a small plot of its own and who the owner is of said property.

It was decided that our non-presentation meeting in the future will be used as business and work meetings. Kristy made a motion that the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting be changed to a Business Meeting at 6pm. It was seconded by Denise Deimler and approved.

**VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

The meeting was motioned for adjournment by Denise Deimler and seconded by Pam Valencia. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 7:335pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kessler, Secretary

