

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 6, 2023 Minutes

6 PM Business Meeting

The April 6th meeting of the LPTHC was called to order by Dave Doyle at 6 PM. All members of the Commission, except Don Goss, were in attendance as well as Amanda Zerbe, liaison for the BOS. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pam Valencia.

The minutes for the March meeting were motioned for approval by Denise Deimler and seconded by Pam Valencia. They were approved by all. Dave Doyle let us know that there had been three donations made to the Lower Paxton Foundation: \$150 from Ms. Irma King to be used for the cemetery project; \$300 for two of the showcases that were in the Municipal Building Lobby from The Dauphin/Middle Paxton Historical Society; and \$50 for a talk that Dave Doyle gave to the Golden Age Club.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review Hoffman Ford presentation promotion

Posters have gone out. Ryan Hoffman will be the main presenter and Roger Cackovic will be assisting.

B. August presentation will be Hunters and Anglers

The presentation will focus on the History of the Club and Gun Safety.

C. Discuss email for presentations

Bob Thomas will work on You Tube presentation(s) clean-up. All but three presentations are available on You Tube.

D. Set date to work on Archives

The closet in the Municipal Building will be worked on in May on the 13th at 8am.

E. Nevin Moyer items - Kristy

Kristy Kessler talked about getting in touch with the Hershey Museum coordinator for their materials concerning LPT. Since we are now under the umbrella of the Township, we have a better opportunity to possibly obtain certain items in their collection that actually belong to our Township. During discussion, Sarah Greene suggested that we first obtain a copy of their requirements for proper storage of said items to see if we can do so, and a copy of their loan agreement. Bill Minsker said that he has the original agreement/bill of sale to Hershey Museum in which they are not allowed to separate or sell any of said items. Kristy agreed to call their contact, Valerie Seiber, at Hershey Museum and see if she can obtain said loan agreement and requirements.

F. Go fund me idea discussion

Dave has not spoken to the Foundation yet about this project. He is waiting to bring Daryl Stackhouse up-to-date on what we would like to do. He mentioned that some shrubs and trees have been cleared out. He would like to have someone from the Boy Scout Troop working on an Eagle Badge take over this project with his assistance.

G. No future plans for a museum

It was discussed that there are no future plans for a museum for the LPTHC.

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Meeting decorum

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During our presentations, Dave makes sure everything is working properly for the presenters, and talking to people as they come in. He said there would be no commitments by our Commission as to monies and how we spend them during public meetings. If people are interested or wish to discuss this topic, they should come to a business meeting.

VI. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

It was suggested that a question-and-answer presentation about Shoop's Cemetery be done, and having Donny Young as a possible presenter.

There will be a Museum Day but for now it is on hold until a new events planner is hired by the Township.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

A motion for adjournment of the meeting was made by Kristy Kessler and seconded by Sarah Greene, and approved by all. Meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by,



Kristy Kessler, Secretary

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Meeting

6:00 PM

- I. Call Meeting to Order
 - a. Welcome the audience
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Business Meeting
 - a. Approval of March meeting minutes
 - b. Donations received
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Review Hoffman Ford presentation promotion
 - b. August presentation will be Hunters and Anglers
 - c. Discuss email for presentations
 - d. Set date to work on archives
 - e. Nevin Moyer items – Kristy
 - f. Go fund me idea discussion
 - g. No future plans for a museum
- V. New Business
 - a. Meeting decorum
- VI. Committee member comments
- VII. Public comment
- VIII. Adjournment

Photo Album (1990.19.117) Katherine Meese, c. 1850-1870 Unit 070, Shelf 01, Box 01
Dimensions: 2.75"H x 4.5"W x 5.5"L (closed); 12"W (open)

Condition: Fair, binding separated, spine detached from binding, several pages torn and stained, one metal clasp broken and piece missing, mold (?) staining inside front and back covers.

Display: not recommended for display/loan.

Ambrotype (1990.19.87) Katherine Meese and Harriett Barnett, c. 1855-1880 U 75, Sh 5, Bx 3
Dimensions: 0.75"H x 3.375"W x 3.75"L (closed); 6.5"W (open)

Condition: Fair, image is stable, case in poor condition, front cover is detached, velvet inside front cover is torn and stained.

Display: not recommended for display/loan, digital scan available

Ambrotype (1990.19.6) Meese family portrait, c. 1855-1880 U 75, Sh 5, Bx 4
Dimensions: 1"H x 4"W x 5"L (closed); 8"W (open)

Condition: Good, outside of case is dusty, hinges are loose, does not lay flat when open.

Display: open standing on bottom edge, or supported on a book cradle, digital scan available

Photograph (P1486) BF. Moyer and Catherine Meese wedding, U70, Sh 4, Bx2, HM-81
Dimensions: 2.5"W x 4"L

Condition: Good, surface slightly soiled or spotty, small area of loss on woman's face.

Display: flat in locked case, digital scan available



Deed (A783) Thomas Lingle to Francis Winrich, 1798 U 75, Sh 3, Bx 1, F 25
Dimensions: folded – 8.375"W x 6.128"L; open – 24.5"W x 15.75"L
Condition: Fair, folded with heavy creases, surface soiled.
See conservation treatment proposal from John Hartmann to flatten, clean, mat and frame deed.
Display: either framed on wall or matted and flat in locked case

Deed (A782) Andrew Berryhill to Franklin Shaffner, 1793 U 75, Sh 3, Bx 1, F 24
Dimensions: folded – 6.25"W x 7.875"L; open – 30"W x 16.25"L
Condition: Fair, folded with heavy creases, surface soiled, seals are fragile.
See conservation treatment proposal from John Hartmann to flatten, clean, mat and frame deed.
Display: either framed on wall or matted and flat in locked case

Account Book (2009.15.50) Daniel Moyer, post office, 1853-4877 U 71, Sh 1
Dimensions: 2"H x 8.75"W x 13.25"L (closed); 17.5"W (open)
Condition: Fair, binding mostly stable, binding loose at back, cover firmly attached, leather stained and worn, pages soiled, several loose papers inserted throughout.
Display: open, supported on book cradle inside locked case

Bible (A1123) Joseph Meese, pub. 1839 U 69, Sh 7, Bx 3
Dimensions: 2.75"H x 5.25"W x 7.875"L (closed); 11.25"W (open)
Condition: Good, cover worn but stable, binding stable, pages stained and slightly darkened,
Display: open, supported on book cradle inside locked case

Book (2009.12.122) George Mies, c. 1765 U 69, Sh 4, Bx 3
Dimensions: 1.875"H x 4.375"W x 7.125"L (closed); 9.25"W (open)
Condition: Fair, cover is fragile, worn on surface and edges, area of loss on spine, binding stable, title page missing, pages water stained and darkened, pages at beginning and end are torn, curled.
Display: open, supported on book cradle inside locked case

Diary (NC) B.F. Moyer, 1866 U 72, Sh 4, Tub 1
Dimensions: 1.5"H x 3.75"W x 6"L (closed); 7"W (open)
Condition: Fair, cover soiled and worn, tab closure is delaminated, back cover slightly detached, binding stable, several loose papers inserted in the back.
Display: open, supported on book cradle inside locked case

Diary (NC) Nevin W. Moyer, France, 1919 U 72, Sh 5, Bx 3
Dimensions: 0.375"H x 4.375"W x 6.875"L (closed); 8.625"W (open)
Condition: Good, wear on edges of cover, stapled binding is stable, pages slightly yellowed.
Display: open supported on book cradle inside locked case

Four Diaries (NC) Nevin W. Moyer, dream journals, Feb. 1919 U 72, Sh 4, Bx 1
Dimensions: 0.125"H x 6.875"W x 8.875"L (closed); 13.75"W (open)
Condition: No.1 = Fair, pages discolored, binding loose, pages loose, cover torn. No.2 = Good, pages slightly discolored, cover stable, binding stable. No.3 = Good, pages slightly discolored, cover stable, binding stable. No. 4 = Fair, cover torn and dog-eared, binding stable, pages discolored and dog-eared lower right corner, vertical crease in center.
Display: Nos. 2 and 3 open, flat inside locked case. Nos. 1 and 4 not recommended for display/loan.