

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## Historical Advisory Commission

February 22, 2024

The February 22, 2024 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Historical Advisory Commission was called to order by Member Maureen Ferrazzi at 2:08 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Historical Advisory Commission: Maureen Ferrazzi, Diana Kelly, Ginny Cleary, Ellen Goldblatt, Supervisor/Liaison Yvette Taylor, Township Manager Dave Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio, and Supervisor Tom Cino.

### **I. Call to Order – 2:08 p.m.**

### **II. Reorganization of the Commission**

Mr. Nyman accepted nominations for Chair. A motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Cleary to nominate Ms. Ferrazzi as Chair. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Ms. Ferrazzi presided over the meeting from this point.

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Cleary to nominate Ms. Kelly as Vice Chair. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Goldblatt and seconded by Ms. Cleary to nominate Ms. Goldblatt as Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **III. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Cleary and seconded by Ms. Ferrazzi to approve the August 24, 2023 meeting minutes with an amendment to the sentence in Item IV. to read "... focusing on some other known characters..." Motion carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Goldblatt to approve the November 2, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **IV. Update - DCNR Plans for PA 250 – Dave Nyman**

Mr. Nyman began by outlining the tasks assigned by the Board of Supervisors to each of these three committees in preparation for the PA 250 celebration: Financial Advisory Committee, Traffic Advisory Committee and Historical Advisory Committee. He then shared a list of potential improvements forwarded by the Financial Advisory Committee to the Township Engineer to determine their feasibility. Both the FAC and the TAC are finalizing their recommendations.

Mr. Nyman then shared highlights of a meeting he and Ms. Caporiccio had with the Manager of the Washington Crossing Historic Park and the Director of the Friends of Washington Crossing. He explained the Park's plans related to lighting, parking, pedestrian access and safety, flags/banners/plants/concessions. Ms. Cleary suggested inquiring about the Park's plans for parking spots for the electric bikes that are now available for rent in the Crossing.

### **V. Review Washington Crossing State Park, NJ Events – Ginny Cleary**

Ms. Cleary shared an article about activities at Washington Crossing State Park in New Jersey and suggested that the committee visit the website for that park for information about activities and events available there.

Ms. Ferrazzi shared an article about Joseph Reed, a lawyer and jurist born in Trenton, NJ who served as an aide-de-camp to General Washington, noting that he is another lesser-known individual who could possibly be highlighted. The committee was in agreement that enslaved people and Native Americans were important to the effort and should also be included in informational material. Ms. Ferrazzi urged the members to share with the committee biographies of other individuals they may find in their research.

**VI. Begin Formalizing Recommendations for Review/Finalizing**

The committee began discussing their recommendations. Initial conversation included flags or banners along Rte. 532, planters with period correct plantings, and a heritage garden. Consideration of display board topics, flag designs and specific plants and maintenance responsibilities will be discussed further as the list is finalized. The committee was asked to review past meeting discussions and bring recommendations to the next meeting when the HAC recommendations will be formalized.

**VII. Public Comment**

Priscilla Linden, 50 Dillon Way, asked if a banner announcing the PA250 celebration was considered to hang across the road at the intersection of Taylorsville Road and Rte. 532. She also advocated the need for all crosswalks to be handicap accessible for individuals and wheelchairs when they are replaced.

**VIII. Next Meeting: April 25, 2024**

**IX. Adjournment**

Ms. Ferrazzi adjourned the meeting at 3 :22 p.m.

Approved: April 25, 2024