

Upper Makefield *Township*

Historical Advisory Commission Meeting

September 22, 2022

The September 22, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Historical Advisory Commission was convened at 2:15 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Historical Advisory Commission: Ginny Cleary, Ellen Goldblatt, Diana Kelly, Laura Moses, Maureen Ferrazzi. Supervisor/Liaison Ben Weldon, Township Manager David Nyman, Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio and Supervisor Tom Cino.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Nyman at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Nyman then accepted nominations for Chair. Maureen Ferrazzi agreed to be considered for Chair.

II. Organization of Board

Election of Chair

A motion was made by Ms. Moses and seconded by Ms. Cleary to nominate Maureen Ferrazzi to serve as Chair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Goldblatt was not present for this motion.

Ms. Ferrazzi presided over the meeting from this point.

Election of Vice Chair/Secretary

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Moses to nominate Ms. Kelly to serve as Vice Chair. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Goldblatt was not present for this motion.

Election of Secretary

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Cleary to nominate Ms. Moses to serve as Secretary. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Goldblatt was not present for this motion.

III. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Kelly to approve the November 9, 2021 minutes. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. Ms. Goldblatt was not present for this motion.

IV. Brainstorm Period Correct Amenities to Enhance Curb Appeal

Mr. Cino and Mr. Nyman provided an overview and history of the Streetscape project constructed almost 20 years ago, noting that General Washington Boulevard is a PennDOT road and improvements to that road would require PennDOT review and approval. Coordination with Washington Crossing Historic Park is also recommended at the appropriate

time as the project develops. Members were encouraged to consider that this project could also be used as a template for other Township village projects in the future.

Discussion focused on potential considerations including the lamp posts; consideration of a cobblestone street; the impact of the gas station(s) at the intersection with Taylorsville Road; amenities such as trash cans (barrels), planters, and the possibility of establishing a walking tour to enhance a visitor's experience. Consensus was that members would research other historic sites, such as Boston and Lexington, for ideas to consider incorporating into this project that would enhance Washington Crossing. Those ideas and suggestions will then be shared at a future meeting. A Dropbox will be created for sharing and collecting ideas between meetings.

V. Other Business

The committee will meet in October, take a break for the holidays in November and December and reconvene after the new year.

VI. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Goldblatt and seconded by Ms. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Approved: October 27, 2022