

Upper Makefield *Township*

Historical Advisory Commission Meeting

October 27, 2022

The October 27, 2022 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Historical Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Maureen Ferrazzi at 2:13p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Historical Advisory Commission: Chair Maureen Ferrazzi, Vice Chair Diana Kelly, Secretary Laura Moses and Member Ellen Goldblatt, Supervisor/Liaison Ben Weldon, and Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ferrazzi at 2:13 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Goldblatt and seconded by Ms. Ferrazzi to approve the meeting minutes of September 22, 2022. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

III. Continue to Brainstorm Period Correct Amenities to Enhance Curb Appeal

Ms. Ferrazzi encouraged the committee to discuss the vision of the PA250 project, which would enable the prioritization of specific categories to be discussed at each upcoming meeting. The categories suggested were lighting, streetscape, curbing, benches, purchasing of property, murals, etc.

The committee discussed a focus on the involvement of the Village of Taylorsville during the historic winter of 1776. Questions considered were: How did this event fit in with the better known events in Philadelphia and Princeton? Why did Washington choose our village? How can we educate our community and visitors more about the background leading up to the Crossing?

Cobblestone streets were discussed related to location and how weather, specifically snow and ice, would be managed. This will need more research. All are interested in pursuing this idea.

The committee considered encouraging the use of buildings for sale in the village for a café or ice cream shop, and the resurrection of George's canoe rental was an appealing idea to create within Washington Crossing, a nice place for families, including visitors and residents.

Increased signage was discussed. Larger signs with pictures, maps etc. that would give an interesting visual history to locations in the village. A mixture of modern and historic elements would be worth consideration. The committee would ultimately want the village and park to be cohesive in planning. Future meetings will be held with representatives from the park.

The committee adjourned with the intent to research the Taylor family, the village's involvement surrounding the events of December 1776, the historic homes and their use at the time and to continue gathering photographs of other historic sites to fuel ideas.

IV. Other Business

The committee will not meet in November or December due to holiday schedules. The next meeting

will be in 2023. All agreed that the 4th week of the month at 2:00 PM is a good day and time to continue in 2023.

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Goldblatt to adjourn the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

Approved: February 23, 2023