

Upper Makefield *Township*

Historical Advisory Commission Meeting

April 27, 2023

The April 27, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Historical Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Maureen Ferrazzi at 2:00 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Historical Advisory Commission: Chair Maureen Ferrazzi, Vice Chair Diana Kelly, Member Ginny Cleary, Member Ellen Goldblatt, Supervisor Tom Cino, Township Manager David Nyman and Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio. Supervisor/Liaison Ben Weldon participated by telephone.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ferrazzi at 2:00 p.m.

II. Election of Secretary

Ms. Ferrari announced that Ms. Moses has resigned her position on the Historical Advisory Commission leaving a vacancy in the Secretary's position. A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Kelly to nominate Ms. Goldblatt as Secretary. Motion carried by unanimous vote

III. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Kelly and seconded by Ms. Cleary to approve the meeting minutes of February 23, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Sunoco Gas Station Proposal

Mr. Nyman provided an overview of the Sketch Plan for a potential project to be located on the site of the former Sunoco gas station at the corner of Route 532 and Taylorsville Road and encompassing several other surrounding lots. The plan was presented to the Planning Commission on April 26, 2023.

V. Member Updates on Research

Walking Tour Phone App

The Board reviewed research and costs forwarded by Ms. Moses for walking tour phone app Pocket Sights and Stqry.

Historical Information

Ms. Cleary shared a draft list of historic events for consideration at visitor stops and signs/display cases located throughout the Village. More items will be added and prepared in chronological order for future review.

Concern was expressed about the level of traffic in the Village, adequate parking and pedestrian safety. Collaboration with the Historic Park regarding walking tours and signage was discussed to help guide visitors away from congested areas. The Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission will be contacted about safety concerns around the bridge.

Signs/Displays

There was brief discussion of displays and activities, noting that designated spaces for them will be need to be identified. Ms. Goldblatt will develop a list of family life chores and responsibilities to be considered when developing activities and displays. Members were also encouraged to consider potential activities to share at the next meeting.

Ms. Goldblatt will contact Senator Santarsiero office for any guidance and assistance on the project. Jeff Marshall and Park historians were also mentioned as potential resources.

Design Feature Preferences

Members were encouraged to consider what, if any, design features they would like incorporated into the project so a prioritized list can be developed for further research.

VI. Establish Discussion Category for Next Meeting

Discussion items for the next meeting:

- Review list of suggestions for sign topics
- Review suggestions for activities and displays
- Suggestions for design features

VII. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VIII. Next Meeting: June 22, 2023

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Cleary and seconded by Ms. Kelly to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

Approved: June 22, 2023