

Upper Makefield *Township*

Historical Advisory Commission Meeting

June 22, 2023

The June 22, 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, Secretary Ellen Goldblatt, Member Ginny Cleary, Supervisor/Liaison Ben Weldon, Township Manager David Nyman and Assistant Township Manager Judy Caporiccio.

I. Call to Order

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

II. Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Cleary and seconded by Ms. Ferrazzi to approve the meeting minutes of April 27, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Mr. Nyman provided an update that the Township has not received any additional information about the proposal to develop the corner at the intersection of Rt. 532 and Taylorsville Road that he shared with the committee at the last meeting.

III. Member Updates on Research

Review Topics for Displays/Signs

Ms. Ferrazzi recommended that the most efficient way to address the PA250 Celebration project is to establish planning goals for each meeting to help clarify goals, needs and resources. Members will then provide progress updates at each meeting. There was discussion of comparing efforts with the Financial Advisory and Traffic Advisory Committees, and contacting staff at Washington Crossing Historic Park, Washington Crossing State Park (NJ) and the PA250 Coordinator at some point to gauge progress of the overall project and to avoid duplication of efforts.

Ms. Cleary also provided an overview of her research of lesser-known individuals who supported the Revolutionary War effort. She expressed that guidance from someone local with experience and historical knowledge would be beneficial. She will contact Jeff Marshall for his input.

There was consensus on the importance of including a strong and meaningful children's component, and recognizing the divisiveness and varying viewpoints within the population.

IV. Next Meeting Guide

Following discussion, the following guide was established:

- Update on communications with Washington Crossing Historic Park/Washington Crossing State Park (NJ)/State PA250 Coordinator - David Nyman
- Review Timeline Suggestions for Signs/Displays - Maureen Ferrazzi
- Review List of Potential Activities for Kids - Maureen Ferrazzi
- Update on Contacts with Potential Resources/Advisors - Ginny Cleary
- Reflections on Valley Forge Visit - Ellen Goldblatt

V. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

VI. Next Meeting: August 24, 2023

VII. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Goldblatt and seconded by Ms. Ferrazzi to adjourn the meeting at 2:59 p.m. Motion approved by unanimous vote.

Approved: August 24, 2023