

# Upper Makefield *Township*

## *Historical Advisory Commission Meeting*

August 24, 2023

The August 24, 2023 public meeting of the Upper Makefield Township Historical Advisory Commission was called to order by Chair Maureen Ferrazzi at 2:07 p.m. In attendance were the following members of the Historical Advisory Commission: Chair Maureen Ferrazzi, Secretary Ellen Goldblatt and Supervisor/Liaison Ben Weldon. Member Ginny Cleary participated by telephone.

### **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms. Ferrazzi at 2:07 p.m.

### **II. Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Ms. Ferrazzi and seconded by Ms. Goldblatt to approve the meeting minutes of June 22, 2023. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

### **III. Update on Communications with Washington Crossing Historic Park/Washington Crossing State Park (NJ)/State PA250 Coordinator**

Mr. Nyman was unavailable to provide the update.

### **IV. Review Timeline Suggestions for Signs/Displays**

Ms. Ferrazzi led discussion on suggestions for the timeline for signs/displays. She presented pamphlets from Washington Crossing Park in NJ and pictures of displays from the Washington Crossing Museum in NJ. Committee members suggested focusing on some other known characters from the Revolution (e.g., John Glover), including native American Tribes that lived along the Delaware before the English settlers arrived, and showing the diversity of backgrounds of George Washington's Army.

### **V. Review List of Potential Activities for Kids**

Ms. Goldblatt led discussion of suggested interactive games and activities for kids to show experiences of the children during the colonial days. Some examples were "What If?" games when kids answer questions about what would have happened if key decisions or people were not involved, photo scavenger hunts, examples of colonial gardens, "A day in the Life" of a soldier/child to demonstrate how children were asked to deliver messages, phone apps and/or interactive maps.

### **VI. Update on Contact with Potential Resources/Advisors**

Ms. Cleary provided an update that Jeff Marshall, former Director of Heritage Conservancy, is willing to attend a meeting to provide suggestions and guidance. She will contact him to arrange.

### **VII. Reflections on Valley Forge Visit**

Ms. Goldblatt provided an overview of her visit to Valley Forge. She shared that the audio tour had issues, so any technical aspects should be easy to use and thoroughly tested before implementing.

**VIII. Establish Discussion Category for Next Meeting**

No category was established.

**IX. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**X. Next Meeting: October 26, 2023**

**XI. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ms. Cleary and seconded by Ms. Goldblatt to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Approved: February 22, 2024