

## LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### March 4, 2021 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Doyle at 6:30pm. All members of the Commission were in attendance including Amanda Zerbe, Liaison for the LPT. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Goss.

Tonight's presentation was done by Bill Minsker about Native Americans of Pennsylvania. He had many artifacts and slides for his talk.

#### **BUSINESS MEETING**

- A. Introduction of Chosen Friends Lodge 43 – Robert Gadsden was introduced and a letter of thanks was presented to the LPT Historical Commission.
- B. Approval of minutes – none.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Candidates for Vacancy – Jay Purdy sent in an application which was motioned for acceptance by Kristy Kessler and seconded by Bill Minsker. The application was accepted by the Historical Commission and will be sent to the Supervisors.
- B. Recording presentations – Harrisburg School of Technology is a possibility to help with the professionalism of our presentations.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. New Project – At the west side of St. Thomas Church, are a strand of woods where there are Black Americans buried. Permission has been given to: clean out the woods and underbrush, mark graves with permanent markers and create a walking path and signage in the area. Dr. Steven Burg, Professor of History at Shippensburg University, will assist the Commission with the use of ground penetrating equipment to locate graves. Boy Scouts from the Church will assist, and Bill Minsker will act as the Liaison between the Church and the Commission. Kathy Gifford with the Church will also assist. Denise Deimler motioned to accept the project, Don Goss seconded and the motion was approved. A second project was suggested for the Orphanage property in so far as looking for graves, identifying people and preserving sites. Apparently, there are three burials on the property of people from the Old Age Home. This project would include the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia as we will need documentation, and/or, permission to be on the property.
- B. Request from Parks and Rec for the Easter Candy Trunk – This event will be held on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 11am to noon at Brightbill Park. The Commission will be part of this event and it was discussed, motioned by Kristy Kessler, seconded by Denise Deimler and approved. The possibility of using candy in plastic eggs was introduced, as well as a postcard for the event. Bill Minsker will look for a card and Don Goss will talk to an artist and contact the Commission per E-mail.

#### **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

The meeting was motioned for adjournment by Bill Minsker, seconded by Don Goss and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kessler, Secretary