

LOWER PAXTON TOWNSHP HISTORICAL COMMISSION

April 8, 2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Doyle at 6:30pm. All Commission members were present except Kristy Kessler. Also present was Amanda Zerbe, Liaison for the LPT Supervisors. Dave stated that although we have gone live, he encourages the public to join us at our monthly meetings now that COVID cases are slowing down. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Don Goss. Everyone present remained standing for a moment of silence for Elizabeth Kessler.

NEW BUSINESS – moved because Bill Minsker had another meeting to attend.

- A. Notable Area Deaths for 2020-2021 – Bill gave the Commission members a list of Notable Area Deaths for 2020 – 2021 and said if anyone had additional names they could be submitted to Leigh Ann Urban.
- B. 2021 Rotary Club of Colonial Park “Community Giving” grant – Bill stated now was the time to submit an application for the possibility of receiving a \$250 grant. He asked if we would use the money, if accepted, for a sign at the Colored Masonic Home and Orphanage. Dave Doyle asked that if accepted, we use the money for a monument for the Wenrich Cemetery project, since the Prince Hall Grand Lodge Temple may want to improve the land and he would like to find the cemetery on the property. This could then be incorporated in the sign for the Orphanage. It was also noted that if accepted for the Grant, the check must be made out to the Lower Paxton Community Foundation, and then be earmarked for the Historical Commission. Denise Deimler made a motion to use the grant money, if accepted, for a monument for the Wenrich Cemetery project. It was seconded by Bill Minsker and the motion was carried.

The April Presentation was done by Bob Thomas honoring several past “Historical” residents of our Township. A slide show was presented honoring Marlin Potteiger, Robert Stammel and Richard McNeal.

BUSINESS MEETING

- A. Thank you to all that participated in Parks & Rec Easter candy trunk event – David Doyle also thanked Bruce Holroyd for his pen and ink sketches.
- B. Minutes will be provided at a future date.
- C. Introduction of Jay Purdy – Jay is a former member of the Lower Paxton Historical Society and enjoys local history.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Project at Wenrich Slave Cemetery update – Clean-up of the area has begun and the Boy Scout leader of Troop #10 is going to get a shredder/chipper. Finds will be flagged! Possible fencing of the area and making a walking path were discussed. Dave is going to contact Jennie Glaser to see if the initials that are on the stone that was found are among a list of slaves she has of the area.
- B. Future presentations – looks for ideas/recording of individuals. The public was asked to contact us if they have any pictures, stories or anything they would like to share.

COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pam Velencia was in attendance at the meeting. No comment.

Adjournment of the meeting was motioned by Denise Deimler, seconded by Jay Purdy and the meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Kessler, Secretary