

**TOWNSHIP OF LOWER MAKEFIELD  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
February 10th, 2020 - Minutes**

The regular meeting of the Lower Makefield Historical Commission (HC) was held on Monday February 10th, 2020 in the Lower Makefield Township Municipal Building. Helen Heinz called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

**Those present:** Helen Heinz, Chair & Treasurer  
Barbara Nuzzolo  
Ann Damron  
Eric Rockenbach, Secretary  
Becky Diamond, Secretary  
Fredric Weiss, Board of Supervisors Liaison  
Joe Camaratta  
Jim Majewski

**Treasurer's Report** - Helen advised as to balance of Commission funds. Helen also nominated Joe to take over the Treasurer's responsibilities. Joe accepted.

**Financial** - No bank account of our own, money held by the Township. Balance \$4667.90.

**Minutes** - Eric approved minutes from prior meeting. Joe seconded the motion.

**Slate Hill Cemetery:**

- Commission has agreed on two potential dates for marking the grave sites with new headstones. Those dates will be the weekend of April 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> or April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The headstone planting would occur on the Saturday of the respective weekend and the ceremony would occur on that Sunday. The ceremony would start at 2pm.
- Jim Majewski advised that public works will mark graves and make headstones available for planting when winter is over.
- Helen will coordinate with Scout Troops for planting the headstones.
- Barbara will reach out to the offices of Perry Warren, Brian Fitzpatrick and Steve Santaserio to see if they would like to participate in the ceremony.
- Ann will contact the Garden Club to see if they would like to participate.
- Becky and Helen will work on the press release.
- Helen and Christa would potentially make some opening comments at the ceremony.
- Once planting of current headstones is completed the commission discussed future projects for Slate Hill, which included planting additional headstones and working to identify graves that are no longer identified on new maps of the cemetery.

### **Additional Items Discussed:**

- Commission asked Jim Majewski if scanning historical documents that the Commission has identified for archiving was a possibility for 2020. We were advised by Jim that Commission documents are not in the 2020 budget for scanning through the third-party vendor. However, there is a scanner that we would be able to utilize provided by the township.
- Barbara advised that she has made progress in opening a dialogue with the Wiener family regarding the donating the Octogonal School House site.
- Commission discussed a future project involving the commemoration of the 250<sup>th</sup> year since George Washington travel through Lower Makefield. Helen advised there are 103 structures in the township that are still standing from that time. The commission agreed that highlighting those structures would be the focus. Commission debates several ideas but agreed to narrow the scope and possibly highlighting only a certain number of structures. Possibly narrowing it down to about 10. Once the commission has decided on a strategy we will advise the Township Supervisors.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Eric Rockenbach