

Minutes May 18, 2021
Upper Merion Township Historical Commission

Date: **Tuesday, 5/18/2021 at 7:00 PM** (Virtual Meeting)

Name	Present	Regrets	Name	Present	Regrets
Kenn Brown			Matt McCaffery		
Eileen Council			Dave Montalvo		
David Dolga			Greg Philips		
Pat Jordan			Tina Smith		
Laura Maggio					

Meeting began 7:05PM

Motion to approve Minutes from April meeting by Dave M.

Seconded by Eileen

Minutes from April 20, 2021 approved.

1) Historical Preservation Camp sponsored by the Tredyffrin Historical Commission:

--Pat Jordan signed up for the June 26th session

--Laura Maggio signed up for the July 10th session

2) Displays, collaboration:

Pat will lead the project to create displays for the UMT Community Center/Senior Center

--The displays will include maps, artifacts in collaboration with the King of Prussia Historical Society

--All members of the UMT HC were asked to brainstorm ideas that will ensure that the presentations are educational as well as accessible, inclusive, interactive displays.

--Display area in UMT building—Dave D will update the decision for this space from the township manager

3) Rebel Hill PHMC marker:

--Research will continue in June when Montgomery County Historical Society re-opens and the Montgomery County office for deed searches re-opens.

--Dave Dolga continues to work to identify the process for receiving grant monies for the deed searches.

--PHMC sub committee suggested several either the area at the intersection of Supplee and Rebel Hill Rds or onsite at the WECA community center as possible locations.

--Adjunct issue that surfaced with the UMT suggestion to locate the marker at the turn-in from New Gulph Rd and Rebel Hill Rd. The HC will pursue identifying which the process to request lane markings for that road as it has been identified as a hazardous intersection.

--BCA grants: Applications will be opened in July for the second round of grants

4) Battista Farm House—Sunny Hill Farm

--The HC will keep this location as an option once costs can be estimated, ADA requirements confirmed.

--HC will coordinate with the township on plans for the use of this location, while Dave D. will follow up on a small office space in the UMT building for temporary use.

5) PHMC marker for Gulph Mills Village

--BOS Liaison to the HC, Greg Philips, noted contacts for the Gulph Mills Civic Association, the group that created the marker on the stone surround for the spring. Dave D will follow up with this information with the township manager.

--If there is a decision to rebuild a replica of this stone surround, plaque with the story to be built at Nor-View farm, the HC would need to write a detailed business plan to present to the BOS.

6) Hanging Rock—property currently owned by VFA—Greg Philips reported that the UMT BOS is not interested in purchasing this property from VFA.

7) Approved PHMC marker for the Anna Holstein House

--Dates for installation and reception TBD

8) Update on Moore-Irwin house structural survey report:

--No updates as of May 18th meeting.

9) List of Historic Properties in UMT:

--Dave M will suggest several possible Sunday afternoons after June 15th to plan a tour of township historic places for the HC members.

--The tour will take about three hours

10) Chairperson Pat Jordan asked Tina Smith to reply to Mr. James Toner, a Preservation Consultant, stating that the HC has received his letter and resume and will keep it on file.

11) No updates to report on document management and storage for HC on the UMT

12) UMT Farmer's Market, May 22nd 9AM-1PM—Dave M will have a tent for the K of P HS and asked for volunteers from the HC to share this space. Pat and Tina volunteered.

13) New business: letterhead specifically for the Historical Commission, web page on the UMT website. Greg Philips explained that only UMT departments have these items.

Items tabled:

1) Diversity Project with UMT Library

2) Voices of Upper Merion Oral History Project

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Laura

Seconded by Dave M.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40PM



Chair, UMTHC - 6-11-21