

**Minutes June 15, 2021**  
Upper Merion Township Historical Commission

Date: **Tuesday, 6/15/2021 at 7:00 PM** (Virtual Meeting)

| Name           | Present                  | Regrets                  | Name           | Present                  | Regrets |
|----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|---------|
| Kenn Brown     | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          | Matt McCaffery | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Eileen Council |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Dave Montalvo  | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| David Dolga    |                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | Greg Philips   | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Pat Jordan     | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          | Tina Smith     | <input type="checkbox"/> |         |
| Laura Maggio   | <input type="checkbox"/> |                          |                |                          |         |

Meeting began 7:05PM

Motion to approve Minutes from May meeting by Dave M.

Seconded by Laura

Minutes from May 2021 approved.

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

--Pat Jordan signed up for the June 26<sup>th</sup> session

--Laura Maggio signed up for the July 10<sup>th</sup> session

2) Displays, collaboration:

--Display area in UMT building—Dave D : the decision for space (Lower level UMT, wall area) update from the township manager—tabled to July meeting

--Request that all HC members will be active in planning, working on displays in township building, Community Center

--Dave M suggested working in collaboration with KofP HS who would be able to loan maps, information in display format on King of Prussia, buildings, other topics

3) Office in UMT building

--Pat, Tina, Dave did a walk thru of the office space assigned for HC use.

--Question about moving file cabinets from Library that contain articles from the township Tricentennial

4) Rebel Hill PHMC marker:

--Discussion on finding information for “Studio Lots” and for resources re: Community of Rebel Hill particularly as these framed economic, social community development for our area.

--Suggestion to work with Recorder of Deeds Office, Norristown

--Work continuing re: possible location of Rebel Hill PHMC marker if approved,

--Motion made by Dave M to allow Tina Smith to contact legislator’s offices, resources for grants for Rebel Hill PHMC submission, motion seconded by Laura, vote taken, all approved, motion passed.

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5) Battista Farm House—Sunny Hill Farm

--Discussion re: UMT development of this space—BOS liaison noted that nothing has been decided yet—HC will table this effort.

6) Moore Irwin house

--BOS Liaison said that the survey has not been received by the township as of 6/15/21

--Noted that the Shade Tree Commission has received a grant for the arboretum at this location

7) PHMC marker for Gulph Mills Village –tabled to July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

--BOS Liaison 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.

--Any decision to rebuild a replica of this stone surround, plaque with the story constructed at Nor-View farm, the HC would need to write a detailed business plan to present to the BOS for approval.

8) Discussion on various listings of historical properties in UMT

--Kenn Brown will run some real estate searches, share with the HC

--Tina and Dave M are working to consolidate, match various lists from various sources to form a comprehensive list with details from the various sources.

9) Discussion about the approved PHMC marker for the Anna Holstein House

--Dates for installation and reception TBD

--King of Prussia HS was an initial supporter of this effort along with other historical groups, local and state legislators, Valley Forge DAR. The UMT HC was asked to participate in planning on behalf of the township.

--Plans if HC approved to co-sponsor would include: Planning the ceremony at the marker installation as well as a reception for the public following.

--Motion to get information for this HC involvement for the Anna Morris Holstein event was made by Tina, seconded by Matt. Vote taken, all approved, motion passed.

10) Tour of Historic Properties in UMT:

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

--The tour will take about three hours

11) Document management and storage for HC on the UMT servers

--No updates to report

12) Request to change meeting time to 7:30PM was agreed upon by HC members in attendance. Greg stated that the July meeting would most likely take place in person.

Tina will follow up with Cathy Dolan on confirming Henderson room as well as hybrid meeting for those not yet comfortable with in-person attendance.

Motion to adjourn made by Laura, seconded by Dave M., vote taken, all approved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

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Items tabled:

- 1) Diversity Project with UMT Library
- 2) Voices of Upper Merion Oral History Project
- 3) James Toner resume re Historic Preservation, architecture

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Jordan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Signed: Pat Jordan, Chair  
Upper Merion Township Historical Commission  
Date: July 21, 2021