

## Lower Makefield Township Historical Commission

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Minutes of Meeting: 07-09-2025

Members present at meeting start or on zoom at 7:31 pm. Cathy, Tom, Helen, Monica, Jeff, Dawn and a friend from Bowman's Hill. On zoom: Victor, Jim, Joe, Absent: Dave

Jeff was appointed to vote for Dave.

Cathy called meeting to order @ 7:30. A short discussion followed as Jim as well as Mitch have resigned. Cathy reviewed that we have 7 full members, 3 alternates. This was done so that there could always be a quorum as that had been an issue in the past. Alternates will be assigned to vote at the beginning of the meeting by the Chair. We now have 2 alternate positions open and volunteer Dawn has applied for one of them and is waiting for an interview by the BOS.

Both Jim and Mitch will be sorely missed.

Approval of June Minutes—motion to accept: Tom. Monica seconded, app unanimously with Jeff B abstaining.

Cathy announced that after a discussion with Dave Kratzer we can spend our LMT \$5,000 budget on different line items from what they were originally designated for as long as we keep to our total budget number.

Tom gave a treasurer's report, to the chair, but noted there were no real expenses up to now except supplies for Dawn and a permanent storage box for the cemetery. He had wrangled it into place. No vote taken.

- Slate Hill Cemetery next item as Monica reported GPNR map still pending. Dawn reported 194 known burials (153 public and 41 segregated)
- 244 unmarked graves and 8 unknowns

Ghost Tour October 18<sup>th</sup> with 19<sup>th</sup> the rain date.

Monica shared a list of perspective sponsors and Helen, Victor, and Cathy offered to take a few and All ads must be in by 9/30. Monica introduced her friend Claire from Bowman's Hill Wild Flower Preserve who made a presentation on the possibility of using a Bowman's Hill Wild Flower Preserve grant to increase flowers at the cemetery. The grant will give up to 1,000 plants. Clara is taking the lead and working with Monica and Donna our Master Gardner Apprentice to plan the best use of the plants.

Monica made the motion to proceed with the application for Bowmans grant site. Jeff 2<sup>nd</sup> passed unanimously

A short discussion followed on the Demolition Ordinance with hope it would appear on the 7/16<sup>th</sup> agenda.

Dawn gave a short presentation of the work she has already done and her goals to digitize most of the collection and maps. She needs more workers, currently is only able to work at township for 4 hours a week. She will then make an application for a \$5,000 state grant for archiving work including

preservation of the 1858 Hughes map we had donated. It also would include getting video and audio tapes transferred to digital media, as well as upgrades for the past perfect system. Joe moved to accept this request, Monica 2<sup>nd</sup>., approved unanimously.

Patterson Farm application progressing, landscaping narrative and interviews with Sam will soon be available.

Motion to adjourn, Helen Tom 2<sup>nd</sup>, Meeting ended at 9:10

Next meeting August 13<sup>th</sup>.

Respectfully submitted Dr. Helen Heinz