

Lower Makefield Township Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting: 01-14-2026

Members present at meeting start or on zoom at 7:32 pm. Cathy, Helen, Monica, Dave, Jeff and our new BOS liaison, Colin Coyle with Joe on zoom. Tom had leave approved.

First item: approval of previous minutes –motion to accept: Monica. Dave seconded, approved unanimously.

Announcement: Please send any training for Historic Commission training to Cathy for CLG report, since we need to document at least 2 hours per year per member.

New Business Community Foundation Accounts and other funds relating to relationships with the BOS needed to reviewed and addressed. Extensive discussion on 501C3's , spending of some of the funds from one or the other accounts. Monica made motion to spend some funds on the Cemetery, Helen seconded on landscaping costs for new walk. Cathy and Dave will find some other bids on that job before a vote on who to go with. Another bit of money suggested for the map restoration. Vote for map passed Cathy will submit request to Community Foundation for their approval.

Brief listing of Accomplishments of last year.

Action items discussed: Addressing demolition requests sent to HC that need a response before the next HC meeting.. Jeff made motion that Cathy represents our HC opinion on this and will continue to comments on any plans presented to HC Dave seconded, approved.

National Register Discussion led by Joe, asking for review of draft and then feedback and changes. Most members wished it to be submitted as it was, but Helen had issues offering feedback since the file was too large and unwieldy to adequately comment. Our BOS liaison offered a solution to that and some minor adaptations were then arranged to go quickly to Joe. We will revote next meeting in time for a late February submission.

Discussion on possible merger with HARB. After discussion on a few options such as a full no vote a motion was made to say HC was again the merger but would re-evaluate after the CLG review and if the Board had a plan on what the implementation would look like. Monica move, Dave seconded vote was 4 for this Helen against because she wanted a full no vote and Joe abstained.

Discussion about continuing Historical Resources Survey rtant to Jeff Marshall discussed as new CLG grant to 1900-1945 Monica writing RFP.

Discussion of Demolition Ordinance having no heartbeat, needs public support.

Brief discussion of Possible 2026 Celebration Items. General feeling some are possible. Sign up!

Next Meeting Feb. 11, 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Helen Heinz