

Lower Makefield Township Historical Commission

Minutes of Meeting: 02-1-2026

Members present at meeting start or on zoom at 7:32 pm. Cathy, Helen, Monica, Jeff, Joe, Dave. Tom absent. Also attending BOS liaison Colin Coyle

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

Announcement: Noted absent members-still have quorum, need a few new alternate members.

Action items discussed: Joe proposed requesting a road Historical Marker for the Octagonal Schoolhouse ruin site at Oxford Valley Road and Big Oak or Old Oxford Valley Road. Monica and Helen will work on application quickly, and Joe made the motion Jeff seconded, approved.

National Register Discussion led by Joe. Motion to move forward made by Monica, Jeff seconded, approved unanimously.

Discussion about the restoration of 1858 Hughes Map. Monica is moving forward with getting the map to Brooklyn for repair. The Community Foundations Funds use of funds was approved.

Discussion about Slate Hill Cemetery path and various landscaper suggestions still in progress.

Discussion about working with youth volunteers such as Eagle scouts, some disagreements needs clearer goals and objectives, tabled.

Discussion about use of Community Development Funds for continuation of the Historical Resources Survey Grant as Jeff Marshall's bid came in unexpectedly high. Joe suggested that we develop an internal policy for what gets submitted to The Community Foundation. This to be on a future agenda.

Discussion of Demolition Ordinance still in Limbo. Guidance offered by BOS liaison Colin is that since this is not a priority with the board we should rather discuss administrative changes possible with Manager Dave Kratzer and township personnel about the designated Historically Significant Homes on list one and two, and potential requirements from the administration regarding changes or demolitions. At least this puts our efforts in a more positive light.

Brief discussion of Possible 2026 Celebration Items. General feeling that we should definitely put out the time capsule project. Monica will get it started this month. Open to school children in LMT.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm

Next Meeting March 11, 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Helen Heinz