

**WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP
HISTORICAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
September 11, 2008**

ATTENDING:

HISTORICAL COMMISSION		GUESTS
Florence Supplee, Chair	None	
Norma Mecke, Vice-Chair		
Vince Visoskas, Secretary		
Peg Anderson		
Jamie Barbaro		
Linda Kaat		
Margaret Thomas		

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

MINUTES

The meeting minutes of June 12, 2008 and July 9, 2008 were reviewed. Ms. Kaat moved that the minutes of June 12th be accepted as written. Ms. Thomas seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Ms. Supplee moved that the minutes of July 9th be accepted as written. Mr. Barbaro seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Visoskas reported that there were six book sales, no additional painting sales, and eight map sales since the last report. Ms. Anderson asked if we have contacted the Chester County Historical Society, the Brandywine Conservancy, and the Chester County Bookstore to determine if they need more copies. Mr. Visoskas stated that Township staff will follow up.

Ms. Kaat reported that the missing photos from Mr. Miller's Marshallton documentation have yet to be taken. It was decided to try to determine the missing photos during the November meeting. The Romansville photo documentation project will be postponed until 2009. Mr. McGlinchey, who is on that sub-committee, may not be available this year due to personal commitments.

BUSINESS

Marshallton Village Walking Tour: The Village Tour of Marshallton was held on Thursday, July 31st at 6:00 p.m. It was a very successful event with over 300 people attending. The tour pamphlet was well received and Karen Marshall, Chester County's Historic Preservation

Coordinator, and Ms. Supplee received many compliments on the tour. The town businesses and residents enjoyed the event as well.

Things that need to be improved for the next event are parking and pedestrian control. The tour timing was difficult with some tours bumping into each other.

Mr. Barbaro asked if there are other villages or historic districts in the Township that we could possibly tour for next time. Mr. Visoskas and Ms. Supplee explained that the Historic Commission likes to host tours every other year. Marshallton and Romansville have been the tours conducted. A Romansville tour is proposed for 2010 and Marshallton again in 2012.

The Commission discussed other possibilities for tours, but the other villages and historic districts were judged to be either too small, shared with other municipalities or not very walkable. It was decided to speak about other possibilities such as a driving tour during the Commission's reorganization and yearly project prioritization meeting in January.

Fall Family Fun Festival and Marshallton Ghost Walk: The event will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The rain date is Sunday, October 26th. Mr. Visoskas stated that the Recreation Commission will be conducting their events in the field behind the Marshallton Inn at the same location they used last year.

Mr. Visoskas outlined the Historical Commission's responsibilities and programs that have been lined up. We have secured Ms. Debra Pieri - a historical storyteller, the Summit Hill Bluegrass band, The Revelers - Colonial choral singers, Sons of Union Veterans - Civil War Re-enactors, and Craig's Artillery – Colonial War Re-enactors.

Our venues for this year are the Marshallton Inn, the Marshallton United Methodist Church, the Goddard School, the Blacksmith shop, the Bradford Meeting, and Martin's Tavern. The Commission decided to tentatively place the following activities at the following venues.

Historical Commission Activities		
Activity	Venue	Notes
Ghost Walk	Begins at church carriage shed	Goes west to Martin's Tavern on south side of street
Bluegrass band	Sitting area adjacent to Inn	
Civil War Re-enactors	Blacksmith shop	
Historical Storyteller	On wagon steps at Bradford Meeting	
Meetinghouse Tour	At meeting house on Ghost Walk Tour	Mose Cornwell & Bill Supplee
Colonial Singers	Carriage Shed & Martin's Tavern	Start at shed move to Martin's Tavern at their leisure
Colonial Re-enactors	Martin's Tavern	Friends of Martin's Tavern Refreshments
Kid's Activities	Goddard School	Twp Movie Screen for Halloween Cartoons

Township staff will provide parking directional signs. Ms. Supplee will contact Mr. Gray to see if his field will be available. Mr. Visoskas will contact the State Police and Fire Police for assistance. Event Maps will be printed by staff and available at all venues and parking areas.

The Township will again sponsor the holiday decorating contest for those signing up for the event ahead of time. Warren Scott has agreed to let the Township use corn stalks from his field for decorating the village. The Township will provide luminaries to all village residents who would like to put them out the night of the event. Ms. Kaat suggested getting phone number for each contact person in case of rain.

Township staff will re-contact all of the owners of each venue for final confirmation of availability. The following sub-committees were established: Decorating/Luminary Sub-committee, Ms. Thomas & Mr. Barbaro; Ghost Walk Sub-committee, Ms. Kaat & Ms. Gregson; Book & Painting Sales / Scrapbook Sub-committee, Ms. Mecke & Ms. Anderson. Ms. Supplee will contact the Bradford Meeting and Ms. Kaat will contact the Revelers. Township staff will contact the other participants.

NOTICES

The next Business Meeting of the Commission will be Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 7:30 PM. The main agenda item will be the Fall Family Fun Festival and Marshallton Ghost Walk.

Ms. Mecke moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM, seconded by Ms. Thomas. The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Vincent M. Visoskas
Secretary