

May 1, 2023 Historical Advisory Committee Meeting

Members Present: Monica Zuba, Carolyn Gant, Colin McLain, Martin Schwartz-taking position of the late Carl Napoli, Carol Coulbourn

Members Absent: Joe Darminio, Joe Bilinski, Henry Kobik, Kathryn Saxton-Granato
Dee Simkins, Diane Stockinger-out of town Frank Pfrommer-moved position open

Liaisons: Mike Marsh & Heather from Twp. Committee not present

The Historical Advisory committee was called to order by Chairman Carol Coulbourn at 7:05 p.m. in the History Center.

New member, Martin Schwartz, was welcomed to the Committee. He would be taking the place of the late Carl Napoli. Mrs. Coulbourn noted that Martin had been a former Franklin Township Police Officer, worked for the County Sheriff's Department and also had been a State Investigator. He also had written a book entitled "Policing Is About People", which is part of the Historical Center's collection. He is a lifelong resident and had a vast knowledge and interest in Franklin Township.

Mrs. Coulbourn informed members April minutes were not sent out due the problem encountered with her new computer. Minutes were available for members to review.

Upcoming activities:

1. The Railroad Station would be open Saturday, May 6th and also June 3rd from noon until 3:00 p.m. It would be closed July, August, and September due to the fact it is not air conditioned and gets extremely hot inside. Obviously we are not as strong as our ancestors and we can't take a little heat! It will resume hours in October. Should there be visitors from out of town, it could be shown provided it's not over 90 degrees.
2. There will be a shredding event at the Municipal Complex/Police Department on May 20th from 9:00 a.m. until noon.
3. The Community Calendar lists a Memorial Day Parade, however; the parade was cancelled and a memorial service will be held at the VFW at 10:00 a.m. for the public. The parade has not be held since Covid 19 epidemic.
4. The South Jersey History Fair will be held on June 10, 2023 at the historic Gabriel Daveis Tavern site, located at 500 3rd Avenue. Gloucester Township, NJ 08029. The rain date is Sunday June 11th. Set up time is 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. There will be free antique appraisals from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and tours of the Tavern during the day. We will need to provide our own tables, tents, chairs and display items representing our township's historical history. A large number of organizations from South Jersey will be taking place at this event.

Mrs. Coulbourn reported she had sent a request to the Township Committee for a sign to be placed at the Lake Cemetery. The Cemetery has been maintained by local residents Louis Marchesano and Milton Witte, utilizing their own funds and equipment.

Mr. Schwartz discussed the history of the Lake House, formerly known as the Iona Lake Hotel, and the State Police during the period of the 1930's. He also noted that there were a lot of stills in the Malaga area. He informed members that the State Police was formed in 1921. During the period of 1921 – 1933 State Police lived in local houses.

It was noted that there were also several stills on Garrison Road and several areas throughout the local area.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Coulbourn

